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North China Expected To Keep Japan Fully Occupied HUNDREDS OF STRATEGIC ROADS BEING BUILT

GENERALISSIMO AT HSUCHOW: JAPANESE ADMIT REVERSE

Shanghai, To-day.
It is confirmed in authoritative quarters here that the Generalissimo, General Chiang Kai-shek, is at Hsuehchow, conferring with Generals Li Chung-jen and Han Fuchu.
Reports of the arrest of Han Fuchu are denied.
Severe fighting has been taking place in the south of Hsuehchow, and Japanese military headquarters admit a serious reverse.
Their official communique on the operations admits 700 casualties in an engagement about 60 kilometres west of Hsuehchow late last night, while stating that the fighting is continuing.

SURPRISE MEETING

According to the report, the clash occurred when Japanese troops slowly advancing during the night came into collision unexpectedly with a large Chinese force and were compelled to retreat after severe fighting.
They claim that though they lost 700 men, the Chinese casualties were much heavier.—Our Own Correspondent.

MAJOR SUCCESS CLAIMED

Hankow, To-day.
A major success by Chinese troops in the Lunghai Railway zone is reliably reported here.
It is stated that the Japanese advance on the Lunghai Railway, vital factor in Chinese defence, has been halted.—Trans-Ocean.

Overtime Work In Kwangsi Arsenals

Canton, To-day.
The threat to South China is not likely to be renewed at least for three months, according to certain observers in Canton, who express the opinion that liquidation of North China issues will keep the Japanese fully occupied.
The two Kwang provinces, therefore, are improving their defences, and it is also hinted that the Kwangtung troops are far larger than generally realised.
Meanwhile, with the exception of the depressed business outlook and monotonous air raid alarms, Canton is carrying on almost in normal fashion.
Considerable road building is taking place all over the province, and even more so across the border in Kwangsi, where a number of roads of strategic importance are rapidly being constructed by thousands of coolies working day and night.
Due to hostilities, construction of the railway to Hanyang, connecting Kweilin with Hankow, is being rushed, and is expected to be completed by July. It will be of immense military importance.

KWANGSI OUTLOOK

A foreign Consul who has just returned to Canton from Kwangsi declared that the people there are inclined to take a detached view of the war, but adds that they are thoroughly anti-Japanese and remain loyal to their absent leaders, General Li Tsung-jen and General Pei Chung-hsi, who at present are fighting at the front.

TSINGTAO GRAND HOTEL OCCUPIED

Tsingtao, To-day.
The Japanese military here have taken possession of the Grand Hotel opposite the Grand Beach.—Our Own Correspondent.

JAPANESE INTERPRETER SHOT DEAD

Shanghai, To-day.
The Japanese Consul-General has lodged a strong protest with the French Concession authorities following the shooting of a Japanese military interpreter, named S. Iwate.
The interpreter was shot dead on the borders of the French Concession, Nantao, by a group of Chinese, who surrounded him and shot him in cold blood.
The incident occurred at two o'clock in the morning and although Japanese military police were quickly on the scene, the assailants got clear away.
Although the nature of the Japanese protest has not been disclosed, it is stated that the French authorities have been told that unless they can provide adequate protection for Japanese nationals, the Japanese Army may be compelled to take their own measures.—Our Own Correspondent.

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It should hold promise in it of romance to come.

The Lovers' kiss is born of trust and passion. It is the most beautiful means of expressing their love for one another.

Many lovers stint their kisses. They are shy or self-conscious, afraid or prudish. And they miss the drowning ecstasy that only those in love can know. The mingling of beauty and passion, the border-line between laughter and tears.

Just as they surrender their trust and love to each other's keeping, so they should surrender their lips.

Remember the lovely words of the poem: "... And Eden revives with the first kiss of love."

The Married kiss should be short and sweet, on the lips, not a hasty peck on the forehead. Tiny spells of sweetness to brighten each other's lives.

It will send him off in the morning thanking God for the privilege of keeping and protecting you.

It will bring a smile of contentment to her lips as she prepares your supper.

Never, never insult the loved one with a kiss of habit. A hurried peck, with your eye on the clock, will hurt much more than no kiss at all.

And don't let the lover's kiss die with marriage. It will keep so much beauty in your lives.

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A safe rule is — if there's any kissing to be done in his family, let him take the lead! It'll save him embarrassment and you hurt.

The Filial kiss is the very nicest way of saying "Thank you" for everything your parents do and sacrifice for you.

Everything you have and are you owe to them — the very gift of your lovely, exciting life.

And though perhaps they now seem dull and uninteresting and unnecessarily, fussy, spare them a little of your affection.

A big hug now and then, not unmeaning little kisses dropped on top of their heads as you fly off to keep an appointment, will bring a lot of joy into their lives and make up for everything they have sacrificed for you.

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2.07 p.m.—Dance Records.

2.45 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00-7.00 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7.00 p.m.—Dance Music.

7.30 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal—
I'll Sing Thee Songs of Araby.
I Know of Two Bright Eyes.
Ben Davies (Tenor).

Orchestral—
From Near and Far—Austrian Waltz Melodies.
Vienna Accordion Orchestra.

Vocal—
My Heart will be Dancing.
Lilac Domino Waltz Song.
June Knight.

Orchestral—
Tunes of Not So Long Ago 1923/4.
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Selection from "Once Upon A Time".
New Mayfair Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report, and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) acc. by E. O'Neill Shaw.

8.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Food for Thought." Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

8.50 p.m.—A concert of Russian Music.
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Moussorgsky—
Hopak, Melodie Russe.
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Scenes de Ballet Op. 52.
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Monssorgsky—"Boris Godounov."
Farewell of Boris.
Death of Boris . . . Chaliapine.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—"Rigoletto." Acts 2 and 3. (Verdi). Riccardo Stracchini, Dino Borgioli, Duilio Baronti, Guido Uxa, Eugenio Dall'Argente, Mercedes Caspir, Ernesto Dominici, Masetti Bassi, Chorus of La Scala Milan, and the Milan Symphony Orchestra.

11 p.m.—Close down.

Band.
9.15 a.m.—An Australian in England.

9.30 a.m.—Operatic Stars.

9.50 a.m.—Next Week's Programmes.

10.00 a.m.—The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 10.15 a.m.

10.25 a.m.—Close Down.

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11.35 a.m.—Organ Recital.
12.00 p.m.—Gilbert Stacey and his Sextet.

12.30 p.m.—"Food for Thought."
12.50 p.m.—Recital by Willie Walker (Clarinet) and Wilfrid Parry (Piano-forte).

1.20 p.m.—Next Week's Programmes.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.

1.55 p.m.—Close Down.

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3.00 p.m.—Green Fields and Pavements.
3.15 p.m.—Al Collins and his Dance Orchestra.

4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.

4.20 p.m.—Next Week's Programmes.
4.30 p.m.—Film Shots! Scenes and songs from the cinema.

4.50 p.m.—Orchestral Music.
5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

The Throw-In

It is quite possible to play a rattling good game of bridge without ever executing a squeeze play, although, of course, these plays must be in the repertory of the true expert. The same cannot be said about elimination and throw-in plays. Squeezes can be used in only about one hand in twenty; throw-in plays are needed in one hand out of three or four. Considering that the throw-in is about five times as easy to learn, as well as five times as useful as the squeeze, it should be obvious that every player should familiarize himself with all types of throw-in plays. Let us follow the development of a simple strip and throw-in on the hand below:

South, dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—K J 10 3 2
H.—9 8 4 2
D.—A 8
C.—K 7

WEST

S.—5 4
H.—K J 5
D.—J 10 9 4
C.—10 6 3 2

EAST

S.—9 3
H.—10 7 6
D.—K 6 5 3 2
C.—9 5 4

SOUTH

S.—A Q 7 6
H.—A Q 3
D.—Q 7
C.—A Q J 8

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 spade	Pass	3 spades	Pass
4 clubs (1)	Pass	4 diamonds (2)	Pass
4 hearts (3)	Pass	4 spades (4)	Pass
5 diamonds (5)	Pass	5 spades	Pass
6 spades	Pass	Pass	Pass

(1) Asking bid. (2) Shows second round control and diamond ace. (3) Asking bid. (4) Has no heart control, therefore signs off. (5) If South can locate second round diamond control as well as first, he still may decide to go to a grand slam.

West opens the diamond jack. Since declarer sees that he will be able to discard dummy's losing diamond on his own club suit, dummy's ace is played and the ace and king of spades drop the outstanding trumps. The club suit then is run off, and this situation is reached:

NORTH

S.—J 10 3
H.—9 8 4
D.—None
C.—None

WEST

S.—None
H.—K J 5
D.—10 9 4
C.—None

EAST

S.—None
H.—10 7 6
D.—K 6 5
C.—None

SOUTH

S.—Q 7
H.—A Q 3
D.—Q
C.—None

If the heart finesse works, obviously declarer will have no trouble. But it is every declarer's duty to anticipate an unfavourable position of cards. The diamond queen, therefore, is led and ruffed in dummy, and now the nine of hearts, not a low heart, is led. If East does not cover, declarer plays the three spades, thus insuring that when West wins he must return a heart up to declarer's tenace, or lead a diamond which will permit a ruff in one hand and the discard of a heart in the other. If East does cover, declarer must play the queen, hoping that if the queen loses, West will have the jack also and will have to lead back to the combined tenace of the eight in dummy and the ace in declarer's hand.

In the diagram given, that is what actually will occur. It should be noted that if a low heart is led from dummy, East plays the king, declarer's queen loses to the king, and now West can lead a heart in perfect safety. His partner's ten will force the ace and his own jack will remain the high card.

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8.15 a.m.—Big Ben. "At the Black Dog".
8.45 a.m.—Falkman and his Apache

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S—"Knight Without Armour." Marlene Dietrich and Robert Donat star in this thrilling romantic adventure. Set in Russia during the exciting time of the Revolution, it provides the stars with the finest acting opportunities of their careers. Prominent in the supporting cast are Irene Vanbrugh, Herbert Lomas, Austin Trevor, Basil Gill, John Clements and Miles Malleon.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Eight For Your Lady." With Jack Oakie, John Boles, Ida Lupino and Margo Gra-hame. A bright comedy, with romance and thrills mingling with stimulating effect. The players are all involved in a wild and uniquely humorous series of adventures in which the high light is a duel between Erik Rhodes and John Boles.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Lawyer Man." William Powell, Jean Blondell, Helen Vinson, Alan Dinehart, Allen Jenkins and Sheila Terry. The merry tale of a lawyer who took his cases to the court of sex appeal.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Topper." With Gary Grant, Roland Young and Constance Bennett. An uproarious comedy with Roland Young as the hen-pecked husband who finds himself as the result of a dreadful nightmare. The picture is highly recommended.

AT THE STAR—"Meet The Missus." A laugh-hit, which again brings the team of Victor Moore and Helen Broderick to the screen. Dealing with a contest to choose the nation's foremost housewife, the film is a satire upon popularity contests. Burlesquing the current dance sensation, the men stage a parade in evening clothes and then peel them off to disclose highly coloured bathing suits.

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CHINA LIVING UP TO HER FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Hankow, To-day.

"In spite of the urgency of military exigencies and financial problems, China has lived up and intends to continue to live up, to her obligations by fully and promptly meeting service of external and internal obligations," said Dr. H. H. Kung, Premier and Finance Minister, in an exclusive interview with Reuter to-day.

Dr. Kung declared that maintenance of China's national credit was facilitated by the fact that during recent years strong foundations had been laid for China's financial and currency structure, enabling the country to endure a major conflict better than ever before. Moreover, during the first seven months of 1937, all revenues registered an unprecedented improvement.

BUT FOR WAR

This was due to the general political stability and improved administration of revenues, which, coupled with the currency reform of November, 1935, and unusually good harvests in 1936 and 1937, had led to all-round expansion of trade and industry.

The result was that during 1937, in spite of hostilities, total revenue receipts of the Government exceeded those of preceding years and "had it not been for Japanese aggression, China would have been able to attain budgetary equilibrium in the current fiscal year an object towards which she has steadfastly laboured."—Reuter.

TO DO HER UTMOST

Hankow, To-day.

"China will do her utmost, not only now, but also in the future, to meet all her financial obligations, both internal and external," declared Dr. H. H. Kung, Premier and Finance Minister, in a press interview this morning.

Dr. Kung added that in the year just ended, China had discharged all her financial obligations in spite of urgent military tasks that demanded immediate fulfillment.

CREDIT MAINTENANCE

Political stability, the improved fiscal system, currency reform and an extraordinarily good harvest, had resulted in increased State revenue as compared with 1936, in spite of the hostilities that had characterized 1937.

Dr. Kung declared that maintenance of Chinese credit was the chief aim of China's financial policy, all the more so as still greater demands would from now on be made on the State's resources.—Trans-Ocean.

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE ATTITUDE

Washington, January 13.

In a meeting between President Roosevelt and representatives of the Philippines Government, which was also attended by high officials in Washington, it is reported that President Roosevelt intimated that in view of the present Far Eastern situation, he was not in favour of granting immediately full independence to the Philippines. This is taken as concrete proof that Washington is maintaining a keen interest in the Far East.—Trans-Ocean.

FLIGHT FROM THE FRANC

London, To-day.

The flight of capital from France to England continues to assume greater proportions with the consequence that pressure on the franc increased from hour to hour yesterday.

Lowest rate touched by the franc during the day was 151.25 to the pound sterling.

City circles believe that the French Government has inquired if the British Government will support the franc in London if the Paris Bourse is temporarily closed.

The inquiry was also addressed to the United States, and it is generally assumed that both countries will support the franc in any eventuality.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITAIN AND SOVIET CONSULATES

London, To-day.

In connection with the Russian Government's declaration of its intention to observe a principle of "parity in Consular representation," it was stated in official quarters in London yesterday that while the matter of adjustment of the consular representation of the two countries was the subject of friendly discussion between the two governments, the British Government does not consider the principle of parity appropriate to Consular representation as rigid insistence on parity would appear to cut right across the whole purpose of such representation.—British Wireless.

NETHERLANDS LOAN

Amsterdam, To-day.

Issue of a new 3 per cent. Netherlands State Conversion Loan, amounting to 1,700,000,000 florins, purpose of which is conversion of all 4 per cent. State Loans of 1931, 1933, 1934 and 1936, was announced last night.

Price of issue will be 98½. After ten years, the rate of interest will automatically rise to 3½ per cent. Entire period of the new loan is 38 years.—Trans-Ocean.

MYSTERIOUS WITHDRAWAL OF CHINESE TROOPS IN SHANSI PROVINCE

Peiping, To-day.

The Japanese military authorities profess to be mystified by the sudden withdrawal of Chinese forces from positions held for several weeks south of Taiyuanfu, particularly from Tingyno and Lingshih, where there has been no fighting for some time.

The Japanese have launched no offensive but several thousand Chinese troops have begun to withdraw south.

The Japanese military also report that most of the Central Government troops which have been in Shansi for some months have now withdrawn south of the Yellow River in Honan province, leaving South Shansi in the hands of provincial and former Communist troops.—Reuter.

FIGHTING RESUMED

Hankow, To-day.

On the Shansi front and along the Peiping-Hankow Railway, fighting has been resumed after the Japanese had concentrated more than 20,000 men in the towns of Kwangteh (Shantung) and Tzechin.

Japanese objective is to establish contact between the Japanese troops on the Peiping-Hankow Railway and those in Eastern Shansi.

The attack is being supported by a column advancing on Shansi along the branch line of the Peiping-Hankow Railway running from Shichiaschwang to Taiyuanfu.

ARMY SPREADING

While up to the present, Japanese troops have operated only along the railway lines, they are now attempting to also occupy the hinterland in order to rout out the Chinese guerillas.

The Japanese advance in Shansi is mainly directed against the holy mountain of Wutaihan, one of the five Buddhist places of pilgrimage in China, which is reported to be the main base of the Chinese guerillas.

Remarkable success of Chinese guerilla operations is reported from the south of Hopei province, where a number of towns are said to have been freed from Japanese occupation.—Trans-Ocean.

REFORM OF THE LEAGUE

Warsaw, To-day.

The Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck, announced to the foreign committee of the Polish Parliament, that he intended to get into touch with the Powers principally interested in the League of Nations shortly in order to discuss with them the re-modelling of the League of Nations as suggested by Poland and also the aims of the League in relation to the real situation in the world to-day.—Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH CREW'S GRAPHIC STORY OF WRECK

Paris, To-day.

Members of the crew of the French steamer "Guaruja," which was wrecked on the rocks near Almeria, arrived back in Paris yesterday.

They told a tale of many hours' vain battling against mountainous seas and of the gradual forcing of the steamer on to the rocks.

Several members of the crew were carried overboard by the waves and dashed against the rocks which towered several hundred feet above the scene of the wreck.

The crew managed to scramble half way up the cliff where they spent the night huddled on a ledge from which they were rescued the following morning by Spanish coastguards.—Trans-Ocean.

NORTH ATLANTIC AIR TRAFFIC

Paris, To-day.

The technical committee to deal with the organisation of North Atlantic air traffic is meeting here. Its chief task will be the selection of the type of aeroplane to be used in French air traffic to North America.

The "Paris Midi," which publishes this report, expresses regret that French aviation should be so far behind that of England, America and Germany, as regards the organisation of regular North Atlantic service. The present French long distance passenger machines, states the paper, could not carry on the trans-Atlantic service efficiently without using the Azores as a base.

Use of the Azores as a landing place is however, forbidden, to French planes as are also the harbours of Newfoundland.—Trans-Ocean.

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ANGLO-IRISH ATTEMPT TO END ANTAGONISMS ON DE VALERA INITIATIVE

London, To-day.

The pending Anglo-Irish negotiations have attracted more attention that the new Constitution of Eire.

The scope of the talks was indicated by Mr. Eamon de Valera, the Premier of Eire, in an interview with Dublin correspondents of London newspapers yesterday.

Mr. de Valera said the negotiations would bear a "provisional character" but would nevertheless comprise all questions at issue between the two countries, except that of the new Constitution.

One of the problems to be discussed would be partition of Ireland.

He indicated that the talks had been arranged at his suggestion, and that preliminary talks had already taken place between himself and the Dominions Secretary, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald.

SUCCESS HOPE

All sections of opinion in Eire, Mr. de Valera said, welcomed the new developments and hoped the talks would result in concrete success.

The London newspapers say the same remark can be applied to British opinion.

"The Times" says the conference is not tied down to any specific agenda and will deal with all antagonisms which have arisen between Britain and Eire, particularly in the economic domain.

GUARDED OPTIMISM

Most newspapers are guardedly optimistic, and emphasise that the conference marks only the beginning of the attempt to settle Anglo-Irish controversies.

Several papers state that any settlement must take into account the strategic importance of Eire in the system of imperial defence and of the part to be played by Eire as a British military, naval and air base.

The "Daily Express" says that the Irish Government would have to pledge itself not to place Eire under any circumstances at the disposal of Britain's enemies. — Trans-Ocean.

ANOTHER ROYAL WEDDING

The Hague, To-day.

The wedding of Prince Louis Ferdinand of Prussia, second son of the former German Crown Prince, and the Grand Duchess Kyra of Russia, daughter of Grand-duke Cyril, will, it is stated in informed quarters, take place at the end of April at the Doorn residence of the bridegroom's grandfather, Kaiser Wilhelm. — Trans-Ocean.

ULSTER TO HOLD ELECTION IN REPLY TO MR. DE VALERA

London, To-day.

The following was announced at Belfast yesterday by the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland: "In view of the recent statement of Mr. De Valera, he proposes to raise the question of partition in his forthcoming discussions in London. I feel it necessary to put the position of Ulster beyond doubt.

Ever since assuming office, I have emphasised in all quarters the loyal solidarity of the Ulster people on this matter of vital importance.

An opportunity now presents itself under our system of representative government to allow the people to pronounce upon issues for themselves and I have no doubt as to the answer they will give.

"I am authorised by the Governor to announce that, acting on advice of his Ministers he has consented to dissolve the Parliament of Northern Ireland on Thursday January 20th. Nominations will take place on January 29th and polling on Wednesday, February 9th." — British Wireless.

MILLIONS OF TREASURE IN RAWALPINDI

London, To-day.

Unusually large shipments of precious metals have been made recently by the Chinese Government to England.

The s.s. Rawalpindi which left Hong Kong last week is stated to be carrying six thousand cases of silver coins to the total value of £2 million which will be kept in the Bank of England.

The Central Bank of China has, since the beginning of this year, shipped about \$18 million worth of precious metal to Europe. — Trans-Ocean.

LONDON BELIEVES PEACE EFFORTS TO BE CONTINUING

Tokyo Leaving Door Open For Further Negotiations

Declaration Of War Now Regarded As Unlikely

London, To-day.

The fact that the decisions of the Japanese Imperial Council, taken at Tokyo on Tuesday, and dealing with Japanese attitude towards the Chinese Central Government, have not yet been published is regarded by the London press as an indication of Tokyo's desire to leave the door open for further negotiations.

Apparently, it is stated, peace efforts are still going on. Even if Hankow should reject the offers it is still unlikely, in the opinion of British political circles, that Japan will proceed to make a formal declaration of war as various happenings of late indicate that the more moderate circles have been gaining the upper hand.

It is thought here that if matters are allowed to come to a head Japan will content itself with recalling Ambassador Kawagoe from China and by giving de jure recognition to the Provisional Government by sending an envoy to Peiping.

COMPROMISE PLAN

The general opinion here is to regard an arrangement of this kind as constituting a compromise between the opponents and the advocates of a formal declaration of war although it is fully realized that such a solution would not satisfy the demands of the Japanese Admiralty which has been all along insisting on the need for formal declaration of war in order to enable the Japanese navy to carry out an effective blockade of the China coast. —Trans-Ocean.

REWARD OFFERED FOR MURDERS

The Police are offering a reward of \$250 for information leading to the apprehension of the murderer in the Happy Valley murder which happened yesterday morning.

All the men detained yesterday have been released.

According to the police the stab wound which caused the death, was caused by a fairly large knife.

OVER EMBANKMENT

Driving a motor cycle belonging to Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co. Ltd. in Shek O yesterday, Lo Chui-wai, was injured severely when the cycle left the road and dropped down an embankment for a distance of 15 feet.

Sir Geoffrey and Lady Northcote are attending the meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club on Sunday.

MENDACIOUS REPORTS FROM HONG KONG

The Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce has issued the following correspondence between the Chairman and Colonial Secretary for publication:

HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

8th January, 1938.

Sir.—Information received from other parts of the world makes it evident that exaggerated and alarmist reports of the alleged perilous conditions prevailing here may injure the trade of the Colony of Hong Kong and cause needless anxiety to relatives of residents.

That such reports are unfounded is well known here and the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce suggests that Government might do much to allay apprehension elsewhere by making a public statement on the subject.

If Government agrees with this suggestion the Chamber of Commerce would propose to publish this letter together with Government reply.

(signed) M. T. JOHNSON, Chairman.

GOVERNMENT REPLY
Hong Kong, Jan. 12, 1938.

Sir.—I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 8th January, 1938, relative to rumours current abroad that perilous conditions prevail in Hong Kong. As your letter goes on to suggest, such reports are baseless. Doubtless they take their rise from the present hostilities between China and Japan. These, however, impart no risk to persons or property in this Colony, nor is there any sound reason to regard such a contingency as likely to occur.

2. I am to add that there is no objection to the publication of this correspondence if thereby any alarm on the part of persons intending to visit or trade with this Colony will be abated.

(signed) N. L. SMITH, Colonial Secretary.

Yeung Shui-mui, aged 30, a coolie was yesterday admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from injuries to his head and hands. He fell off a lorry in Castle Peak Road yesterday while attempting to retrieve his hat.

ATHLONES' VISIT TO ARABIA

London, To-day.

The Earl and Countess of Athlone are visiting King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia on Feb. 4.

This is the first time in which a British Peer has visited a ruler of Arabia.—Reuter Bulletin.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE RECEPTION

His Excellency and Lady Northcote are giving a reception at Government House on Friday next January 21, from 9.30 p.m. to 1 a.m. to which some 950 guests have been invited. Dance music will be played by the dance orchestra of the Hong Kong Hotel and other dance music will be broadcast by Z. B. W. Hong Kong.

A specially interesting item in the dance programme will be a waltz, "Diamond and Gold," written by a British Guianese composer, Mr. Vaughan Casimir, and dedicated to Lady Northcote.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote are going to Fanling Lodge for the week-end returning on Monday. It is understood that Sir Geoffrey has consented to present the prizes at the Bridge Drive at the Peninsula Hotel on Monday in aid of the H.K.S.P.C.A.

DEATH UNDER PECULIAR CIRCUMSTANCES

An inquest will probably be held into the circumstances of the death of Kwok Fat, a vegetable stall foki, who died under peculiar circumstances at 1.50 p.m. last Tuesday.

Deceased was one of the occupants of a lorry driven by Chan Chak-kui in Connaught Road West early that morning. The report made to the Police by the driver stated that attempting to avoid a boy he was forced to swerve and the side of the lorry struck the pillar of the verandah.

When the lorry arrived at the No. 7 Police station, deceased was able to speak and asked to go to the charge room preferred to remain in the lorry to watch the vegetables. When the Police went out to inspect the lorry, deceased was in an unconscious condition and was immediately rushed to the Queen Mary Hospital where he died the same day.

Enquiries showed that deceased asked for a lift with two baskets to the market. When one of the baskets fell off the lorry as the result of the collision with the pillar, deceased assisted in placing it back in the lorry.

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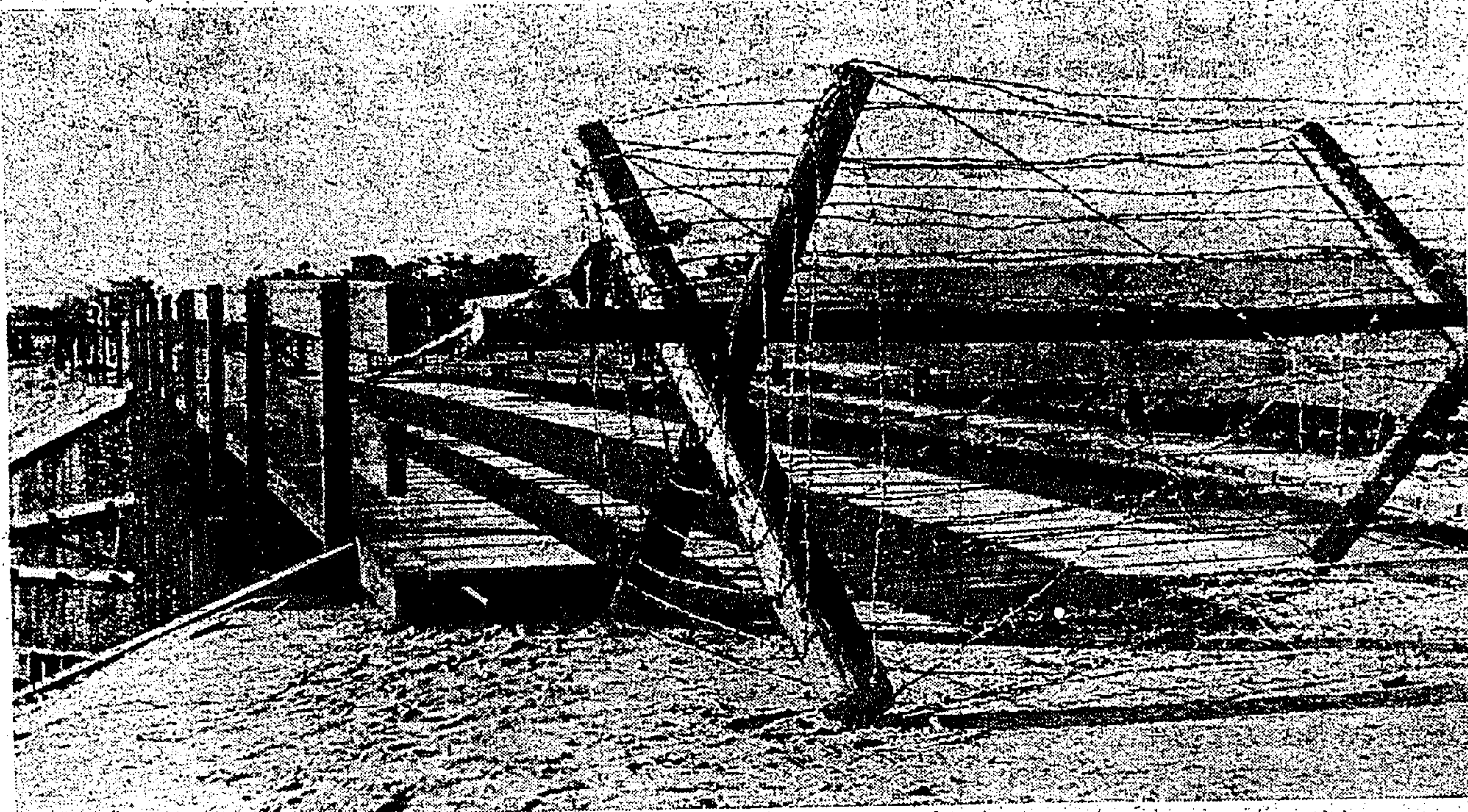
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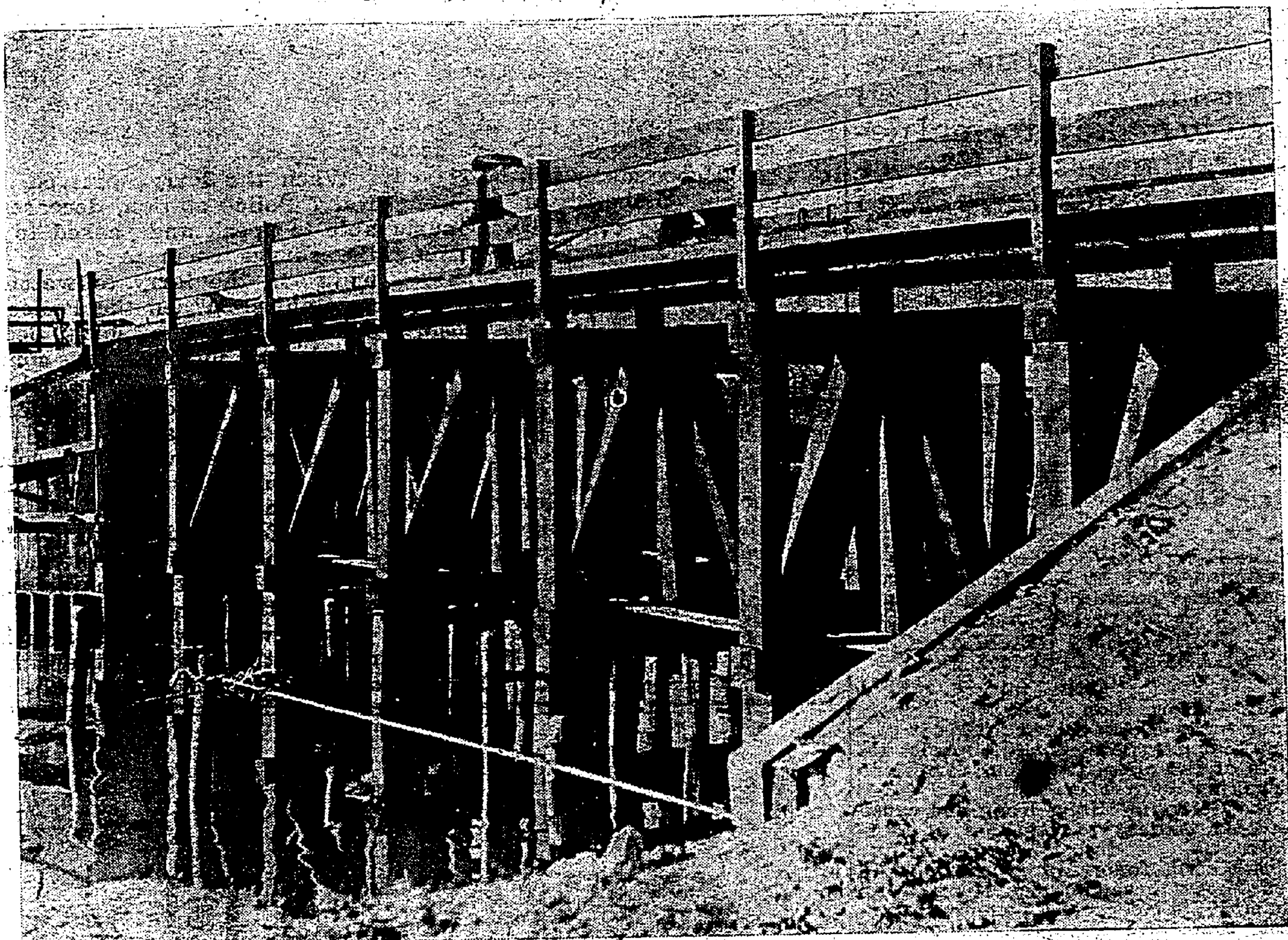
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The new bridge across the Shumchun River, opening up the road between Canton and Hong Kong, has not yet been officially opened as this barbed-wire barricade reveals. Picture shows the bridge from the New Territories side. ("Mail" photo. By Authority).



Another picture of the new bridge at Shumchun showing the nature of its structure. It will be observed that it is built largely of wood and is capable of speedy repair in the event of damage. ("Mail" photo. By Authority).

SHOOTING IN PALESTINE ROUND-UP RAID

Jerusalem, To-day.

One Arab was killed, one seriously wounded and another captured when British police surrounded houses near Hebron, where an armed Arab gang, believed to be that which murdered Mr. Starkey, had its headquarters.

One British police officer was slightly injured.

The head of the gang escaped but police dogs at present are hard on his trail.—Reuter.

FRENCH PREMIER HONOURED

Paris, To-day.

The Great Cross of the Order of Pius XI was presented to the French Premier, M. Camille Chautemps, by the Papal Nuncio yesterday.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, was also awarded the Papal Order. — Trans-Ocean.

ANOTHER VERSION

Jerusalem, To-day.

One British policeman and one Arab were killed and another Arab wounded near Hebron when police raided a house in which four armed Arabs were hiding.

Two of the Arabs escaped and are now being chased across country by police. — Trans-Ocean.

TERUEL FRONT QUIETER

Madrid, To-day.

Complete quiet reigned on the Teruel front yesterday according to official despatches which stated that the town was not bombarded.

The insurgent troops have not been able, the report continues, to bring their guns into position in the mountains five kilometres away from Teruel where they are in danger of being cut off.

The troops there have already been encircled. — Trans-Ocean.

CARGO STEAMERS HIT

Burgos, To-day.

Bombardment of the Spanish coast, between Valencia and Cartagena, by rebel warships was carried out yesterday and it is stated that two cargo steamers were hit. — Trans-Ocean.

THE WORLD GOES BY

If you keep your ear moderately close to the ground, it's wonderful how many snatches of conversation come your way.

For it's a dreadful but inescapable thought that people are talking shop all over the world: in their cafes, in their offices, in their homes and probably in their sleep.

Occasionally, small detached echoes of this talk come in through our window, carried, of course, by horribly whimsical little birds.

"It will happen in January! So soon!"

"Yes, I know. Do you think it will be a boy?"

"Of course not! When did Queens of Holland ever bear boy children?"

In Holland they all love Princess

—BY— "ULYSSES"

Juliana: a love which has no doubt increased since the Prince's accident, and will go on increasing steadily whatever happens in January.

It is typical of Dutch straightforwardness that there is no nonsensical talk about a "forthcoming happy event."

The Princess is going to have a baby; and because they love her, it's a family affair. She herself was one of the first to speak about it—over the wireless, to her people.

In Belgium there is a streak of realism not far removed from plain citizens.

Two good citizens of Brussels are taking the bus home. One reads the paper.

"Listen! What's this? Germany guarantees our inviolability!"

"Mon Dieu!" cries the other.

"It was learned this afternoon that Madame Chiang Kai-shek had arrived in Hong Kong," said a contemporary in its final edition yesterday. We bow in respectful acknowledgment of the compliment.

Answer to Correspondent: Your letter should be addressed to the newspaper concerned.

Fight The Depression.

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TENSE ATMOSPHERE IN PARIS: FALL OF CABINET PREDICTED

Chautemps Denies Cause For Panic Over Finances

Budget Balanced And Government Solvent

Paris, To-day.

Denial that there is any real cause for panic in the financial situation was made by the Premier, M. Camille Chautemps, in a fighting speech in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday.

M. Chautemps said the financial situation in December was satisfactory, and barring accidents, was on the way to creating confidence.

The budget was balanced and the Treasury able to meet all obligations in the present quarter, but there had been social agitation and systematic agitation for a general strike, which has aggravated the country's nerves.

Fortunately these troubles were now appeased.

"I categorically deny that in dealing with the strike I was double-faced. I consider that Labour does not conflict with human sentiments but I do not countenance revolt in the public services against the nation.

"A social legislation will be voted by Parliament which will duly approve thereof.

SECURITY OFFER

"In exchange for security, strikers must recognise what Parliament has done for them by renouncing all forms of illegality."

To the accompaniment of applause from the Centre and Right and various members of the Left, M. Chautemps added: "I declare with untroubled firmness that if certain people disturb the public peace the force of the law will descend upon them."

ATMOSPHERE TENSE

The atmosphere in the lobbies at the conclusion of the Premier's speech was very critical, and it is strongly held that the Chautemps Government will not survive the night.

M. Leon Blum, the Vice-Premier, was seen coming from the Chamber with a white set face.

CRIMINAL ACTS

Chautemps, continuing, said that in the face of the criminal acts of this gravity there had not been absolute unanimity in approving actions of the Minister of the Interior and in condemning criminals. This was the result of uneasiness and moral sickness in the country.

He declared that the government was resolved to obtain social peace and balance the budget, and condemned any control of exchange.

He concluded by asking the various parliamentary groups to meet and decide their attitude towards his declaration, particularly in respect to Monetary freedom. The chamber then adjourned at 9.30 p.m.

SOCIALISTS ANTAGONISED

It is generally held in the lobbies that the speech did not strengthen the government's position and antagonised the Socialists and Communists. The radical socialist group had already met and passed a motion

which will later be presented to the chamber, approving Chautemps' speech and expressing confidence in him.

EMPLOYERS CONDEMNED

M. Chautemps in his second speech in the Chamber, did not refer to monetary measures. He tried to placate the Left groups, and paid a tribute to the Labour Confederation for attending the conference on industrial unrest, adding that heavy responsibility rested on the employers who refused to attend.

M. Chautemps dramatically produced a message from a foreign news agency alleging that a Communist putsch was timed for yesterday evening in France. He said the police were dealing with the false report.

The Premier's speech was moderately applauded.—Reuter.

SARRAUT NEXT?

Paris, To-day.

The new currency crisis, in the opinion of Right Wing newspapers, is likely to result in resignation of the Chautemps Government, and its replacement by yet another in the long series of French Cabinets.

M. Albert Sarraut, the Radical-Socialist, is generally regarded as next Premier if M. Chautemps resigns.

M. Sarraut, says "Echo de Paris," could shift the Government axis towards the Centre without offending the Popular Front.

Possible new Finance Minister, says the journal, M. Paul Reynaud, the well-known Deputy and economic expert.

FRANC STABILITY

In London, says a press report from the British capital, fears were held yesterday for stability of the French franc.

City circles talk of the possible necessity of coming to the aid of the French Treasury through a new loan, which, however, would only be granted if certain guarantees are forthcoming.—Trans-Ocean.

ANOTHER CHANCE

Paris, To-day.

The Chamber met again at 11.15 p.m. last night and the debate is expected to decide the fate of the Government.

The postponement and reassembly of the Chamber was due to the Socialists and Communists, who were holding lengthy private sessions in the course of which questions were sent to the Government in regard to the Cabinet's proposed measures.

Apparently, these parties are still holding out for exchange control.

A deputation left the groups and interviewed M. Chautemps, after which it was stated that the Prime Minister might clarify his references to the disturbance of public order.

It is expected that after M. Chautemps has again addressed the Chamber, all the Popular Front members will meet and agree upon a common resolution, failing which it is understood the Cabinet will meet, indicating that the Government is considering resignation.

Paris, To-day.

The Socialists, by 75 votes to 36, have decided to continue support of the Government.—Reuter.

TWO COURSES

Paris, To-day.

Speaking to pressmen during an interval in the Chamber debate last night, M. Pierre-Etienne Flandin, the ex-Premier, said that the situation today was such that only two courses were possible.

Either the Popular Front should be maintained, in which case exchange control, supervision of private eco-

CABINET MEETING DECISION

Paris, To-day.

After yesterday's Cabinet meeting the Finance Minister, M. Georges Bonnet, declared that the Government was unanimously rejecting exchange control and regarded a balanced budget more than ever as indispensable.

It is expected that M. Chautemps, the Premier, will announce in the Chamber of Deputies that taxation yields are satisfactory and urge the country to support the Cabinet's efforts to maintain social peace and proceed with financial recovery.—Reuter.

nomies, termination of the tri-partite agreement with Britain and the United States would be inevitable and would ultimately lead to establishment of a political dictatorship and the end of democracy or

There would be a cleavage within the Popular Front.

Any intermediate solution would involve danger of using up the Exchange Equalisation Fund entirely, utilisation of the gold reserves of the Bank of France and injury to the good name of France in the eyes of the world.—Trans-Ocean.

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PEACE PLEDGE PACIFISM

The British Peace Pledge Movement, of which a local branch has recently been formed, and of which the late Canon Sheppard was the leader and inspirer, has everything to recommend it except perhaps the pledge itself; yet without the lure of this pledge Canon Sheppard would certainly not have recruited his 150,000 men. "I renounce war, and never again, directly or indirectly, will I support or sanction another." There, in all its attractive simplicity, is the pledge which the people are invited to take.

Now though the aim of this pronouncement is excellent, its actual terms hardly bear examination. When a nation is at war, every job of work done and every penny paid into the Exchequer becomes ipso facto related to the war; and in the last resort the only way the individual can avoid "supporting" the war indirectly is by suicide. This fact affords no reason for abandoning peacemaking efforts. On the contrary it should persuade us to intensify them. The only useful way of resisting war is to prevent war breaking out. Once the peace is lost, pacifism in the country concerned is likely to become a pointless martyrdom: our governments will see to that.

The now familiar case for absolute pacifism is stated yet again, by ten contributors, in "Let Us Honour Peace", and by M. de Ligt, the Dutch sociologist, in a far fuller and longer book, "The Conquest of Violence." There is hope in the fact that the Peace Pledgers do not offer a merely negative programme. They know that we cannot hope for international peace until we have established international justice, and that we cannot contribute to that end until we have purged ourselves of imperialistic complacency and self-righteous hatreds. It could be wished that more stress had been laid on this point in the books in question

than on the contention that we are not to defend ourselves when attacked. "Prepare for war," writes Miss Rose Macaulay, "and you will eventually get war. Do not prepare for war, and you may get anything else, including extinction, but you cannot well get war."

But this kind of argument will not advance her cause with the ordinary unimaginative man, who will always choose the horrors of war (especially if he has never experienced them) in preference to obvious enslavement; and though he may admit that "democracy and liberty, those frail unfortunates, always look pretty foolish after a few weeks of military rule," he is not likely on that account to prefer the military rule of another nation.

A Christmas Concession

On a sealed letter just delivered by post from the Transvaal, the envelope bore a penny stamp, but no surcharge had been demanded or paid. The only immediate evidence of the shortage was a printed label, affixed to the face of the envelope, which reads:

Postage on this letter-packet was insufficiently prepaid by the sender.

As an exceptional arrangement during the Christmas period only, collection of the surcharge due is waived.

Kindly request sender to ascertain correct rate of postage.

It seems a very friendly and considerate tribute to the spirit of Christmas. But it is a pity that the Christmas spirit of the South African postal authorities was in this instance a little unjustified. For the packet that came through scotfree on the wave of the season's generosity bore no Christmas gift or greeting. It merely delivered an unsolicited poem that was not up to publication standard.

Autumn Cricketers

The suggestion made by the Cricket Commission that the season might be prolonged into the second week in September prompts the recollection that our cricketers seem once to have been a hardier race in regard to climatic conditions as well as pitch preparation. They were much oftener black and blue from bumpy wickets, and must have been blue with cold sometimes, for they went on well beyond the middle of September. "W. G." does not tell us at what end of the season was fought an historic struggle in Gloucestershire in his early days, but he does mention casually that "snow fell during the day and the wicket cut up badly."

But it seems to have been quite common to play important matches in October in the eighteenth century. In the year 1864, for instance, a famous manifesto carried on the long war between North and South — off the cricket-field. It ran: "We, the South of England, decline playing at Newmarket on the 6th, 7th, and 8th October, as they, the North, refused to play in London." It seems pretty clear that those stalwart cricketers also began earlier. Easter Monday matches were common. But all that was before football had come into his own and, as some cricketers may think, a little more than its own.

MYSTERY DELAY OF TOKYO CONFERENCE

Hope Of Peace With Chiang Not Yet Abandoned

JAPAN'S "HIGH COMMISSIONER"

Peiping, To-day.
Mr. Masayuki Tani, lately Japanese Minister to Vienna, who is considered possible High Commissioner to the Peiping Government if Japanese recognition of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek is withdrawn, arrived here yesterday evening.—Reuter.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR VISITS HIROTA

Tokyo, To-day.
The British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, had an hour's talk with the Japanese Foreign Minister yesterday.

It is understood the conversations referred to the recent Shanghai incidents in which British police officers were assaulted by Japanese soldiers.

It is reported that discussion of the question of navigation on the Yangtse between the British Ambassador and the Foreign Office, has been suspended until further reports are received from Shanghai.—Reuter.

ANOTHER MOLLER SHIP FALLS FOUL OF JAPANESE

Tokyo, To-day.
Yet another Moller freighter has run afoul of the Japanese authorities for alleged entry into a fortified zone.

Latest vessel of the Line is the "Hannah Moller," 2,931 tons, which according to Japanese reports, was found in Tsugaru Straits, in South Hokkaido, on Wednesday morning.

It is believed the vessel was forced to seek shelter due to the prevailing heavy blizzards on Wednesday.

It will be recalled that the "Marion Moller" was found anchored in the fortified zone in Tokyo Bay on January 7.—Reuter.

GOVERNOR'S FORMER AIDE PROMOTED

London, To-day.
The King has approved the appointment of Sir Mark Aitchison Young, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Barbados, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Tanganyika Territory, succeeding

AWAITING FURTHER REPORT ON GENERALISSIMO'S STAND

Reactionary Group Demands Action

Tokyo, To-day.
The liaison conference between members of the Government and Imperial Headquarters, which was scheduled to meet to-day to consider the nature of the public statement to be issued, clarifying Japan's attitude and policies towards China, has now been postponed.

No reason has been given for the postponement but the delay is thought to lend colour to the belief that the Japanese Government has not abandoned hope of inducing Chiang Kai-shek to sue for peace, and are awaiting a further report regarding the attitude of the Generalissimo.

A public statement is now being drafted by the Chief Secretary of the Cabinet, together with officials of the War Office, the Navy Office and the Foreign Office.

After the text has been submitted to the conference for final approval, the document will then go to the Cabinet for its official acceptance and finally to the Throne for the Imperial Sanction.—Reuter.

REACTIONARY DEMAND

Tokyo, To-day.
Declaration of war on China immediately, or withdrawal of recognition by Japan of the Central Government, is urged by the Kokumin Domei (the National League), a reactionary political party, following a meeting of its parliamentary members yesterday.

A statement issued by the organisation asks the Government to announce without further delay its already decided "fundamental and immutable policies" regarding the China Incident.

NO ALTERNATIVE

The statement says: "There is no alternative but to withdraw recognition of General Chiang Kai-shek and not to deal with the Central Government in building a new fabric in the Far East in present circumstances."

The statement deprecates suggestion of peace in case General Chiang Kai-shek reconsiders his anti-Japanese attitude, and urges the Cabinet to ask the Emperor to declare war on China immediately, or withdraw recognition.—Reuter.

Sir H. Macmichael, whose appointment as High Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief for Palestine and High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan, recently received His Majesty's approval.

His Majesty has also approved the appointment of Mr. E. J. Waddington, Colonial Secretary of British Guiana, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Barbados.—British Wireless.

SOVIET ENVOY PRESENTING CREDENTIALS

Hankow, To-day.
The new Soviet Ambassador to China, M. Luganets Orelsky, is proceeding to Chungking by air on Saturday to present his credentials next Tuesday, returning on the following day.

Dr. Wang Chung-hui is not accompanying the Ambassador, but Mr. Li Tit-tsun, director of publicity and Mr. Tuan Mou-lan, secretary of the Foreign Office, is accompanying the Ambassador.

The report of the recall of the Chinese Ambassador to Berlin, Mr. Chen Tien-feng and also the return of Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador in Paris, to China for an important post in the Chinese Government, is declared to be without foundation by officials here.—Reuter.

South Wales 150th anniversary.

The cruisers will later represent the United States at the formal opening of the new Naval Base at Singapore.

The ships are commanded by Rear-Admiral Julius Townsend.—Reuter.

U.S. CRUISERS FOR SYDNEY AND SINGAPORE

Washington, To-day.
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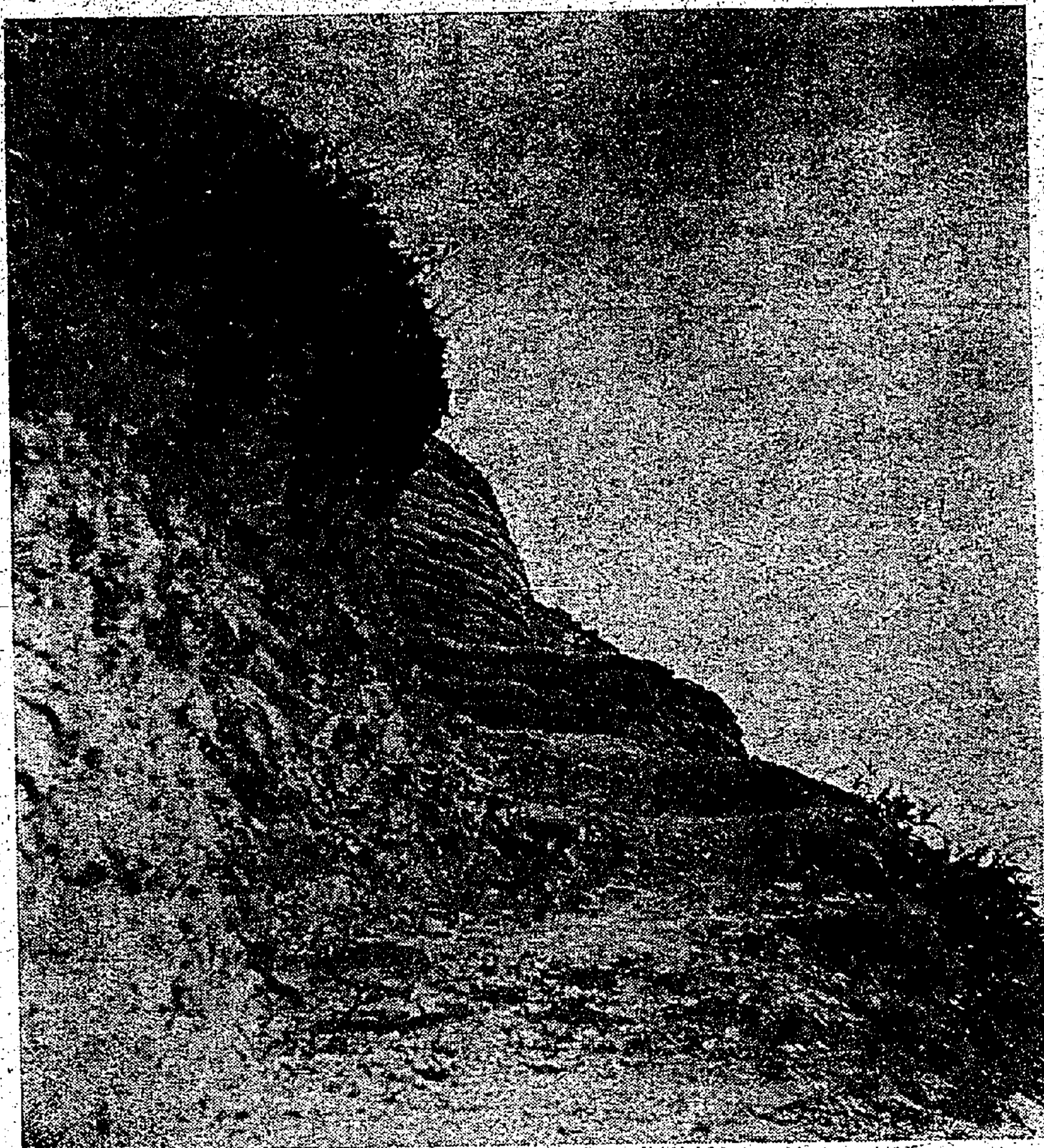
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THE RECALL

ANDRE BERTLE sprawled over his desk, his elbows spread wide, his nose almost touching the ledger above which he bent. His weak eyes were screwed up in the effort he made to concentrate both his vision and his thoughts on the long line of figures down which he ran his pen; while one leg dangled, and the other was curled up, with the foot twisted into the top rail of the high stool on which he sat.

The bare, whitewashed office was, for the most part, bathed in a sickly green light, which filtered in through the slit of the jealousies. But one had swung a little open, and through the aperture thus left there streamed a shaft of yellow, dust-moted sunshine; while beyond it could be seen one funnel and part of the taffrail of the dirty, littered deck of a tramp steamer, with a strip of blue sky across which there swung at regular intervals the black arm of a crane, heralded by a chorus of cries, and the hoarsely shouted orders of the English mate, who stood against the rail spitting out tobacco juice and blasphemies, in a furious endeavour to make his orders intelligent to the mongrel crew of creoles and Malabars who loaded the ship.

Every moment or so Andre's weak eyes twitched upwards to this picture set in the narrow green frame of the jealousies. The brackish stench of the harbour tickled his nostrils; the vehement exhortations of the mate mingled with the accounts of the first, second, and third sugars, molasses, and rum over which he was busied, with but indifferent success.

For though nature appeared to have attuned his bodily form to the whole duties of a clerk, the mind, the soul inhabiting the weak, narrow-chested, stunted little body, clad in the greasy tussore suit, was of another calibre.

It was stiflingly hot, and the open shutter did not mend matters. Once Andre's employer came in with a bundle of papers and pushed it to, with a petulant exclamation of annoyance at the simmering heat of the place.

Andre's eyes were on his ledger, his hot, slippery fingers busy with his pen. But he knew that directly the boss went out, slamming the door behind him—that stupid door leading merely to another room and thence to the street—the shutter would swing open again and he would be well, almost at sea. For the nar-

row strip of quay which lay beneath the window, between the wall and the harbour, was invisible from where he sat.

dim greyness, suggestive of infinite distance—and it was thus that he liked it best—now flaming in the west with the great ruby of the setting sun, while the remainder of the coast was ringed with pale, clear gold.

But always the world in which he lived appeared to him definitely as what it was: a finite spot of green set in an infinite ocean, of which the hard blue line—that cut so clearly across the sky when a storm was brooding, and was always vaguely resented by the boy as suggesting an end to what he knew as endless—showed only the very beginning.

For though to the other creole boys the island seems the be-all and end-all of a world, in which a well-meaning Deity has made at least this one great success, to Andre it was simply an outpost, upon the greatest heights of which he could stand and view the sea all round him—from the coast of Asia to the South Pole, from Madagascar to Australia—with hardly a break of land.

It had been the widow Bertle's great dream that her only child should become a priest. It was a career of distinction—as much so as his own father's profession of notary, which required too expensive a training to be considered for one moment. Besides, for widows with only sons, it enjoyed yet another advantage, precluding the possibility of that "other woman" who hovers so menacingly before a mother's eyes from the moment that the actual pangs of bringing a man-child into the world are passed; with, in addition, a snug presbytery and the ordered peace of a career from which every worldly passion has been nipped with as much cruel care as is bestowed on a plant destined to bear but one perfect blossom in this case an unswerving, unquestioning devotion to the only faith—all this, and a careful mother to lay out the tiny stipend to the best possible advantage and manage the domestic affairs, what more could be wished for?

Nature herself had been complacent. The narrow, hatchet face, with a wide, overhanging forehead, was surely moulded round a brain fit for intellectual pursuits. And the whole frail physique, weakened by that inexplicable disease of the bone, that ate into the flesh of the ankle which now dangled from the office stool—and had balked every doctor on the island with a run-

Short
Story

By Elinor
Mordaunt

ning sore which would not be healed; all—all pointed to the necessity for a life of inaction.

But there was the soul to be reckoned with; and the meagre child, in the meagre plaid frock, later replaced by the faded suit of yellow nankin—outgrown by a whole family of elder cousins—and the white socks of the island schoolboy, possessed the soul of a buccaneer.

In the plaid-frock days he used



to play at being the wind—a loud-voiced, blustering wind; cracking a little now and then in its narrow chest, but on the whole most creditably fierce. At other times he was a three-decker, all canvas set, with his mother's shawl upheld between his arms; staggering amid the troughs of stupendous waves; shipping vast seas under an overweight of top-heavy sail.

Always with the "royals" set. Where he had found the word he could not have said, but he knew it. Again—and this was the play that never seemed a play, that swept him clean out of himself, that transformed the armoire into a towering three-decker and the chiffonier into a trim, yet menacing, frigate—he was an oarsman, struggling desperately across the bare wooden floor, which mysteriously rose and fell in mountainous billows; while the wicker *tente* on which he adventured forth, with stick and umbrella for oars, met with adventures quite beyond any imagining—winds and seas so awful that the little Andre would at last be drawn half fainting from his storm-tossed barque; to spend the afternoon, in grateful languor, prone upon his bed, with a handkerchief steeped in vinegar and water across his too large forehead.

Later—where the boy got the books from la Veuve Bertle never knew—he soaked himself in stories of adventure, importuning every neighbour who went to town to ransack the Public Library for him; falling on the volumes like a famished wolf on food; tearing the heart out of them in his search for the very word "ship" or "sea"; while his geography lessons became a veritable orgy; and the globe, that one sympathetic professor had given him, more pregnant with far-

reaching visions than any crystal.

To the other boys Europe meant a far-away, unreal place, parts of it interesting, merely because they offered a market for Island-grown sugar; while England was connected with the Island—to them the hub of the universe—by the fact that it was the same colour on the map and, incidentally, held by the same people which the Island itself held—still tightly pressed 'twist the finger and thumb of the "Code Napoleon," the only system of law worth considering.

To Andre, however, such places—at least, the sea-ports, the inland was not worth considering—were real. He had been there. He went again—almost nightly in his dreams. And when the teacher told of the sudden storms that swept the blue Mediterranean, the turmoil of the Spanish coast, the driving mist of the English Channel, he felt himself glow and swell, so that he wondered his school-fellows did not notice the great press of muscles beneath the sleeves of the yellow nankin, and the clear wind—so different from the hot perfume laden air of the Island—that whipped the colour to his cheeks and forced him to fill his lungs with long-drawn breaths of delight.

Consciously Andre Bertle had never touched an oar, but in his dreams he rowed. Sitting upright in his bed and pulling with a mighty stroke, only fettered by the pull of something at his waist, caused, as he found on waking, by the fact that his nightshirt had worked up into a hard roll round him.

And always this dream ended in the same way—with the splintering smash of oars which ran up to his hands; and the mouth of a great gun, which he pictured in his waking hours as bel-

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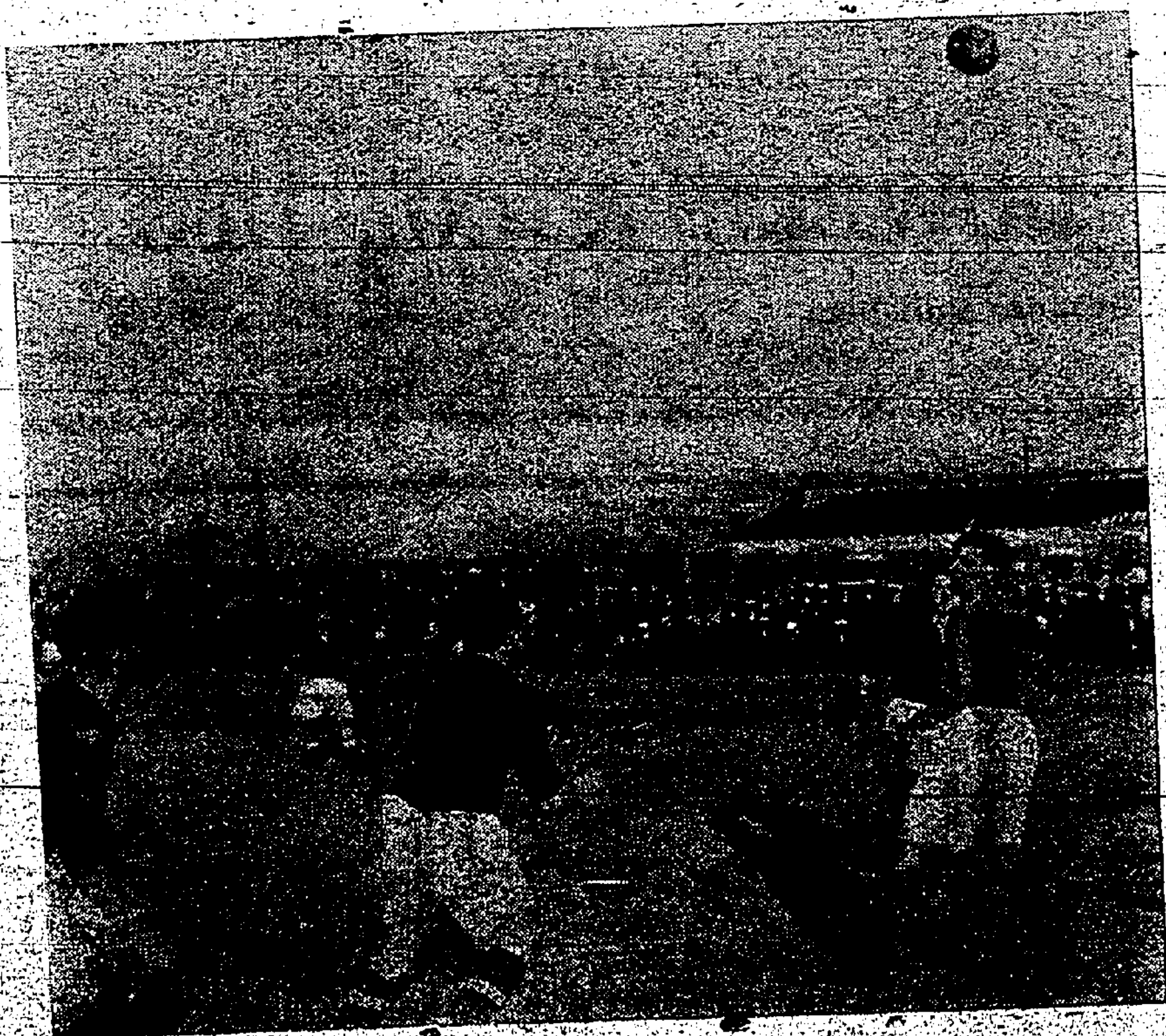
H.E. the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, speaking at the Agricultural Show. ("Mail" photo).



The hearse containing the remains of Lady Clara Ho Tung being pulled to the Chinese Cemetery at Pokfulam. ("Mail" photo).



The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith and Mr. R. A. C. North at the funeral of the late Lady Clara Ho Tung. ("Mail" photo).



Action photo from the Army v. Navy football match last week. Army won by 5 goals to 1. ("Mail" photo).

A VERY nice old lady had a few words to say to her granddaughter. "My dear," said she, "I wish you would do something for me. I wish you would promise me never to use two words. One is swell and the other is lousy. Would you promise me that?"

"Why, of course, Granny," said the girl. "What are the words?"

Hear! Hear!

An economist has just written a 100-page. "Short History of Money." Our typist says she could write one in six words: "Here it is! There it goes!"

Excuse Me, Please!

The average cinema fan, says a critic, likes plenty of movement. He should try sitting at the end of a row in a continuous-performance bioscope.

Great Thought

The moon affects the tide. But even more the untied.

Nurse!

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THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

ACCRING- TON (3)	v	Halifax (2)
Chester (5)	v	Tranmere R. (2)
DARLING- TON (1)	v	Port Vale (0)
DONCAS- TER (1)	v	Southport (0)
GATES- HEAD (1)	v	Barrow (1)
HULL (1)	v	Hartlepool's (0)
LINCOLN (3)	v	Carlisle (0)
N. Brighton (1)	v	Wrexham (0)
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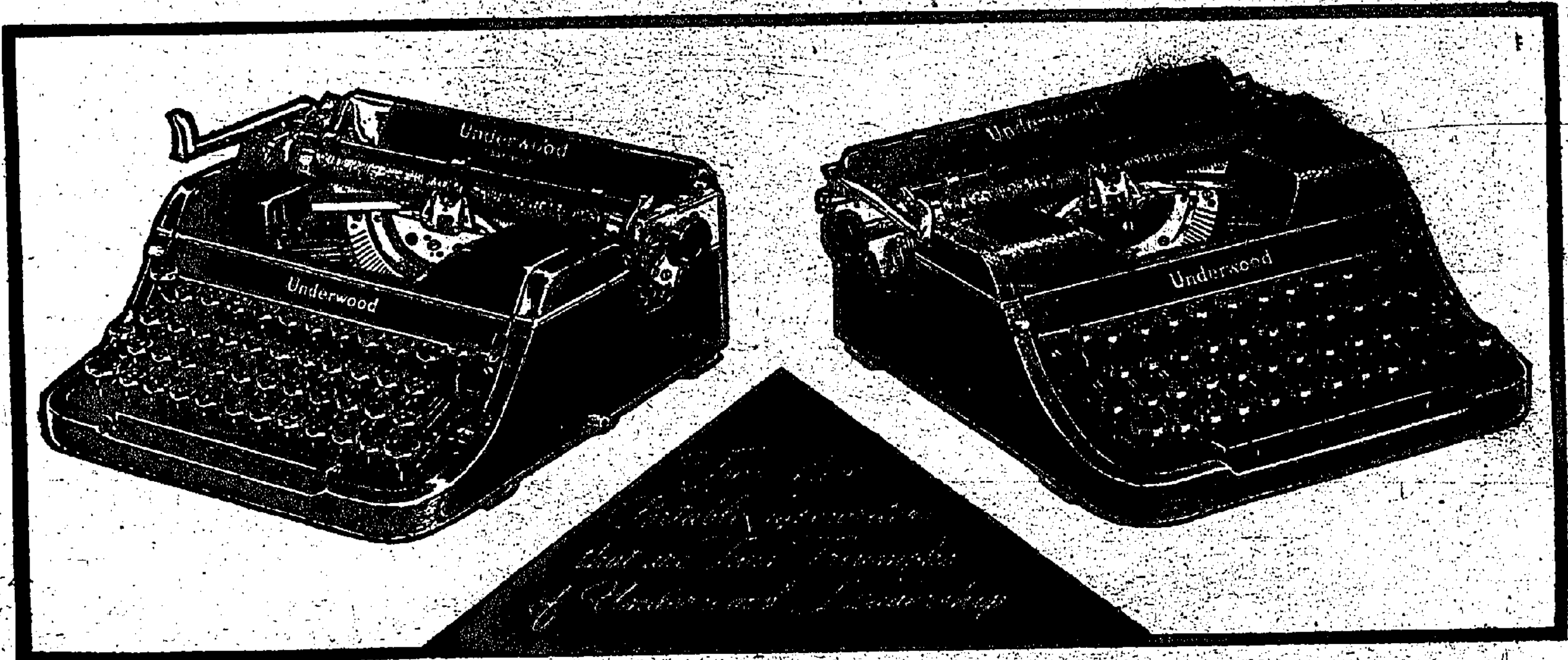
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(FIRST DIVISION)

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CELTIC (2)	v	Aberdeen (2)
DUNDEE (1)	v	Hamilton (2)
FALKIRK (6)	v	Clyde (0)
HIBERNIAN (2)	v	Queen O'S (2)
MOTHER- WELL (2)	v	Kilmarnock (1)
Partick (2)	v	HEARTS (2)
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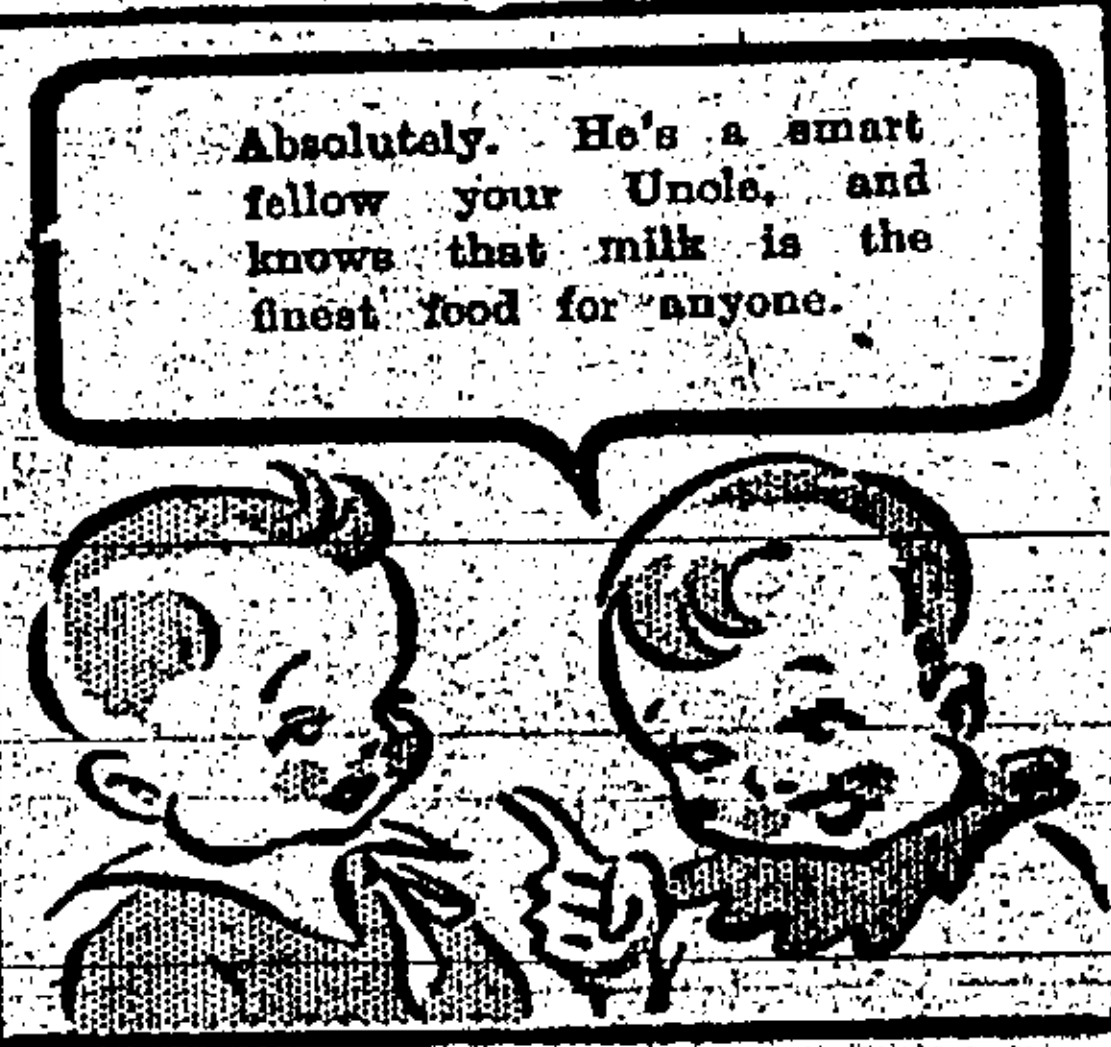
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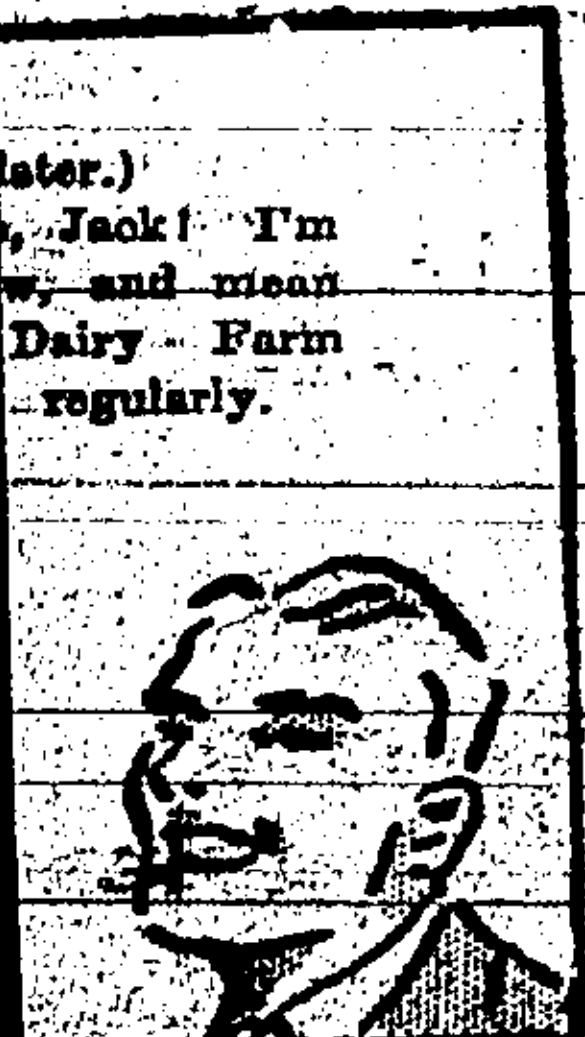
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The laddies and lassies at the Royal Caldeonian Schools, Bushey, had the time of their lives preparing their puddings for Christmas. Here they are creating a stir. (Fox Copyright).

CABBAGES AND KINGS

"WOT'S all this about Mrs. A 'aving 'er hexpenses paid to the seaside?"
"That's right. She's going as a delegate from the guild."
"Delegate hindeed! Why, she ain't arf as delegate as me."

Thwarted

A man had his pockets picked as he was returning from a shopping expedition with his wife. That pickpocket must have been unlucky.

Cannibal's Motto

"One man's meat is another man's person."

Paraphrase

- (1) He was bent on seeing her.
- (2) The sight of her doubled him up.

Preparation

To write a good novel, says an author, one must have suffered first. To be really well equipped, in short, one should read a few first.

Cause And Effect

Married men, says a writer, are generally more successful than bachelors in business. That, of course, is why their wives married them.

TOO TRUE

"Shorts are ideal wear for golf," says a sporting writer. Anyway, you go round in less.

Joke For The Children

It is stated that Hitler never eats meat. He's a veget-aryan.

In The Air

Cheaper aeroplanes are foreshadowed. The cost of going up is coming down.

Discovery

An explorer says that wolf meat is very nourishing. And we've had a good meal on your doorstep all this time without knowing it.

As the old woman wearily pushed a perambulator up the hill the vicar overtook her and volunteered to relieve her of her burden.

Puffing and blowing, he reached the top of the hill, and turned to her.

"Now may I look at the dear little baby?"

"Baby, sir!" the woman replied. "Bless your heart, that's two dozen of stout."

Lucky

A man declared at Caledon-square the other day that his wife treated him like a lodger. Few husbands are so fortunate.

You Needn't Laugh

Why are you throwing that fish back?"
"Because my frying-pan is only a small one."

Dizzy Dialogue



"Look here, why don't you take a taxi home?"
"Shno' ushe. Wife wouldn't let me keep it in the houshe."

Desperate

The British Minister of Agriculture has announced plans to spend £3,500,000 to help the farmers. If this goes on, farmers will be reduced to grumbling about having nothing to grumble about.

Libel On Scotland

This year's prize for subtle trickery goes to the Scotsman who took his little boy to a location riot and persuaded him it was a circus.

Wait For It!

"Women drivers should put their foot down," says a woman driver. The trouble is they put it down before the traffic light turns green.

Taking A Chance

A German explorer who was lost for four years has returned to civilisation. Some people don't know when they are well off.

The Motorist

Customer: "My wife is tired of the coat you made for her last spring."

Tailor: "Oh, indeed."

Customer: "Yes, she's tired of it, but she likes the collar, I was wondering if you could jack it up, and run another coat under it?"

DERELICT



"Scrap metal should be surrendered for the armament speed-up," says a British newspaper.

But surely not before the licence has run out.

Then there was the estate agent who dreamed that the streets of heaven were paved with "Sold."

Not Strong Enough

Milk-drinking, says a doctor, improves the eyesight. If, however, you want to see twice as much as you do now, you will have to try something else.

Pity

Rate of average speech has increased 15 per cent. in the past ten years. Unfortunately you can still understand almost everything you hear on the radio.

Epilogue

He took his misfortunes like a man. He blamed them on his wife.

Bowled Out

"Can you lend me a fiver for a week, old man?"
"Who's the weak old man?"

Dangers of Slang

Mistress: "Did you put my blue evening dress into soak, as I told you?"

Maid: "Yes, mum; but they'd only give me half a crown on it."

Odds Against

Another explanation of the three balls in front of a pawnbroker's shop is, two to one you don't get it back.

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"How's your new dog doing?"
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Prima Donna

"Hasn't that soprano got a large repertoire?"
"Yes, and that dress she has on makes it look worse."

Still Unsolved

One of the troubles confronting early civilisation, says a writer on economics, was what to use for money. We'd rather like to know the solution ourselves.

For Gardeners

Make the most of to-day and let the marrow look after itself.

The prospect of war doesn't daunt big business. A good man can always bring orders out of chaos.

Giddy

They say that not one of Europe's dictators is what could be called a drinking man. The dizziness comes from looking down from so great a height.

Bin

Sympathy is felt for that misguided burglar who broke into a house the other night. It seems the woman mistook him for her husband.

THE RECALL

(Continued from Page 1)

ching forth fire and smoke. In his dream, however, there was none of this.

But first a deep roar—beyond any mere sound—which made him feel as if the whole of the front of him was open and horribly empty, then a blankness, in which his dazed consciousness overhung the void; limbs, head, heart, and brain non-existent, till in an agony of vomiting his whole being rose to fill it, at the same moment that something hit him full in the middle, so that he awoke shrieking: something that his mother called "une douleur d'estomac," and treated with "aya-panna and camomile," though it burnt more like hot lead.

To be a priest! It was out of the question. To mutter prayers, to visit sick folk, to hear confessions, and give absolution, with those great winds for ever booming in his ears! Twice he ran away down to the Port and boarded steamers, importuning to be taken as cabin-boy, cook's-boy, anything.

But none would have him, and he was returned ignominiously to his weeping mother, with whom at last a compromise was effected. It was out of the question that he should go to sea. For by this time the sore on his ankle needed constant dressing, and the effects of a disordered digestion and imagination had combined to make the pain in his middle an affair of daily occurrence.

At least, that is what the doctors assigned it to. Andre knew better. One is not killed night after night by a charge of grape-shot in one's vitals without feeling some after-effect. The very getting back to life again—as exemplified by walking—was an agonising affair.

Anyhow, the end of it all was that an old client of his father's found him a situation as clerk, in a wharf office.

"You'll be happy now, I suppose. Right on the very edge of the sea; the furthest end of the Island from the mother who bore you, and worried herself to skin and bone over your fancies," remarked the widow with wistful bitterness.

The tramp outside the office window was getting up steam, and the pinkish evening sky was blurred with foul black smoke in place of the clear-cut arm of the crane.

A small moist wind had uprisen as evening fell. The unlatched jalousie had blown wide open; and there at the stern of the steamer lay a sailing-ship, a fine barque, upon which the sails were even then being set.

Andre's chin was on the ledger, his red-rimmed eyes on the open window. He was wide awake, he was completely sane. But things were beginning to happen much as they did in his dream. The window aperture widened till it engulfed the whole of that side of the room. Only half the sails and rigging of the ship had been visible, but now the whole bulk of it showed high above the water. He had been mistaken, it was not a barque but a three-decker; blunt-nosed, heavy-beamed, with square-timbered port-holes and a towering poop-deck.

Something caught him round the waist. "I must be asleep," he heard himself say; "that damnable nightshirt has rolled up again." And he attempted to put

his hands behind him to smooth it out, bewildered by a new feature of his dream. For the thing, whatever it was, rattled as he moved, and his hands were held, gripping something round and hard; while another hand, with coarse, rough flesh, touched his; a foul body pressed either side of him, while the floor heaved beneath his feet.

A lash hissed above his head and cut deep into his naked flesh. Mechanically, as if with long use, Andre ducked and flung himself forward over that which he held, which in its turn jerked him to and fro with it; glanced from left to right, counted five pairs of hands, all like his own, incredibly cracked and red, followed with his eyes, from the last on the right down a rounded length of wood, and through a round hole in a dark mass of timber, and there caught a glimpse of the open sea—grey, gave where the wind whipped the wave-tops to a foam.

Suddenly he remembered—with a sheer agonising of the memory, in which it seemed as if soul and body fought together: a fight where the soul proved itself the stronger, and, vanquishing the puny boy's body, threw it aside, re-creating for itself another equal to its needs.

It was an oar he held. Of course he remembered. Had he been dreaming? It was all as clear as day. Salt had been dear in Dauphine, and in his longing to season with some taste the insipid broth which formed his daily food, he had passed over into Burgundy to sell cabbage and buy salt, and been sent to the galley for it. Years before—how long he could not remember, though he remembered every step of the forced march to Marseilles, and how the women taunted and the children pelted him when, in common with the other prisoners, he held out his little wooden bowl to beg for food and water.

It was all clear. He was Number 24 of the galley *La Palme*, one hundred and fifty feet from bow to stern: with two hundred and fifty slaves, two rows of them: twenty-five oars either side of the central gallery—raised some four feet above the deck—up and down which the sous-comites walked with their whips, and five men to each oar, with a crew of another hundred and fifty—captain, officers, seamen, and soldiers.

There were five guns in the bows and a coursier gun on the main-deck, which no one could forget, for it was to it that offenders were bound, that they might receive the bastinado.

And the captain's quarters were on the foredeck; and below decks were six small rooms—the savan, the sandlat, the champagne, the palliot, the taven, and the fore-room. Number 24 could see none of this: could see nothing much indeed, save the scarred, naked backs of the men in front of him. But he knew. It all came back in time to the swing of the oars and the song of the whip, and the sickening odour of unwashed men and disease.

"Pull all—pull all, you dogs!" He knew what that order meant—a double-quick stroke that drew the heart out of a man as surely as a gardener might uproot a weed, with a jerk betwixt his finger and thumb. They had pulled for twelve hours, and he wondered dully if the whistle

would ever sound, releasing them for a while from their oars, so that they might drop beneath the benches and sleep.

His eyes were weighed down with intense fatigue, and the sweat—red from the dye of his coarse Phrygian cap—ran into them and blinded them; while the blood from his cut shoulder dripped into a little pool in the hollow of the leather apron which lay across his knees; the only covering to his nakedness.

A chain round his waist—with just enough play for the come and go of the oar—fettered him to the bench on which he sat; and there were other chains round his ankles, fastening his feet to the deck in the same manner; while his neighbours sat so close that their irons cut his flesh at any sudden lurch of the galley. On his left a faconier, with split ears and nostrils, who blasphemed without ceasing, for Number 24 had missed a stroke in his re-birth, and brought the whip upon them all, while to his right was one of those they call "forcats pour la foi," whose name Andre knew to be Marteilhe, and who prayed without ceasing.

Only Number 24 was silent, for he was a true peasant, whom Nature—though she had made him inarticulate, damming his soul up with silence—had also filled with the power of a slowly accumulating fury which burnt day and night like a fire within his heart.

The linen screens were up round the rowers, so that they could not see where they were going or what they chased—or by any means signal to the enemy. But by this, and the order to "Pull all," the rowers knew

that they were near an end—of some sort.

The ankle-chain had just bitten to the bone of Number 24's ankle. It had taken a long while, but there it was.

They all knew the chase was near an end, for the sous-comites brought round bread dipped in wine, which they thrust into the mouths of the rowers—who had fasted since the night before—so that they should not miss a stroke by raising their hands to their mouths, and be ready for the last great effort.

G-r-r-r! The oar over Andre hung had missed after all, striking above the water, while the waist-chain jerked the five back with a sickening force, and the comite—who now walked the gangway—curled furiously, giving them what the soldiers called "salad"—a taste of the leather thong dipped in brine.

The priest had spoken to them on the last Sunday of the pangs of conscience, coming down among them, heralded by a prodigious swing of censers—to stifle alike the vermin and the stench. But could the gnawing of any conscience be compared with the gnawing of rusty iron on a bare bone?

Suddenly the guns sounded, the five lesser ones in the bows outbellowed by the deep bass of the coursier, and Number 24 knew that they were up with their prey; while the sous-comites ran along the lines of men, unfastening their ankle-chains that they might pull with greater freedom and force. For this is what happens when a galley closes: the slaves, rowing with all their might, ram her nose into the

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stern of the vessel they are attacking; at which, throwing out grappling-irons, the soldiers board her.

It is simple enough. Only this time it happened that the captain of the frigate with which they had come up was too quick for them.

At the word of command the men had hurled themselves afresh on their oars rise to the full length of their chains hovered, and then struck the water to a moment bracing themselves together for the shock of concussion, when by sudden turn of her helm the frigate swerved and pushed along the galley—broad-side on—pressing up the water into a great wall, which rose above the low taffrail and swept down like a flail upon the rowers, snapping off short every blade of the oars on the port side; while over the linen screen a great gun looked down fair into the galley's waist.

Suddenly it appeared to Number 24 as if the world had come to an end with the broken oar which, striking nothing, swept to and fro between his palms.

It was not the muzzle of the gun that frightened him—he was used to that. It was the broken oar. It was having nothing to hold to, nothing to do, which so worked upon him that it seemed as if he suddenly went mad with the fierce desire to face death standing—as man to man.

The water which the frigate had driven over the side of the galley lay knee-deep about his feet. The faconier had burst a bloodvessel—as the broken oar jerked him forward by his body-chain—and so stopped cursing, falling against Number 24, with his irons cutting into his neighbour's flesh.

Marteilhe still prayed to the God, who, as any fool might know, had no time for galley slaves, with le Grand Monsieur and the whole Court on His hands. But the other men were silent; hung forward inertly by their waist-chains over the broken oars, and staring up at the gun, which, as they well knew, would take them first—the guts of the galley.

But the fire within Number 24 was breaking at length into flame. For a moment—less time than it takes to write—he crouched low, drawing himself in upon himself, bracing every muscle till the blood thundered in his ears; and then—with bones that cracked, seeming to press their way through his flesh, driving the waist-chain down upon his hips, straining upwards till, with a loud rending sound, the staples which held it were drawn away from the bench, splintering it along its entire length—slowly, very slowly, he forced himself upright, tearing out fragments of wood, which hung dangling from his waist as he rose, with a hoarse shout of triumph that ended in a rush of hot blood to his mouth.

But he was upright at last—after all these years—upright and a man again, no longer a chained beast.

Over the linen screen he could see the grey waste of water, could see that for which they had been rowing their hearts out—the small, dark frigate bristling with guns, and beyond her the brood of thirty-five merchantmen to which she was con-

voy, flying like a flock of white pigeons before the wind—And, above all, death facing him there.

For as he stood upright the gun spoke, and with its roar there came—first the utter vacuum, then the blankness, then the upheaval of his whole being to fill it.

There are people who, when they wish to emphasise a remark, tap you with a finger upon the chest. This is what the gun did to Number 24, only a little lower. And the touch was hot and fierce, and yet most terribly sweet.

* * *

Andre—Andre!" The call came from incredibly far away—a call at once querulous and fearful, at which, drawn by some old instinct of obedience, the soul of Andre Bertle fluttered back from the regions of the past; pushing up heavy eye-lids and gazing out at the white, tear-strained face of his mother, the white head-dress of a nursing sister, the bare white wall of the Port Hospital, and a narrow length of counterpane.

"He is coming back," said the sister, and by the merest chance she was right.

"C'est la douleur d'estomac," explained the widow. "I can never tell you how the stomach of my son has weighed on me all these years, and the money that I have spent in medicine for him. He has no digestion—actually none. No other mother on the Island has such a son; and then what happens? Nothing will suit him but that he should go away to sea; daring the cooking of those who knew nothing—less than nothing, of his constitution. And now this seizure. It is stomach, all stomach."

"I did not know he was at sea. He does not look as if he had lived in the open," said the sister, with her fingers on Andre's fluttering pulse.

"Well, not at sea, but near the sea; in an office on the very quay itself. I do not understand—I never did." And the poor mother sighed.

Neither did her son. For the moment he remembered both lives. Why, indeed, had he wanted to go to sea—to go back to sea? He saw himself tossed to and fro, a puny echo of the past, drawn ever backwards to that stronger self who had torn its body upright to meet death—as man to man. Yes that was it. It was death all the time that had called to him.

"Andre—Andre!" The mother's voice was shrill with anxiety as she flung herself on her knees and caught at the hand which



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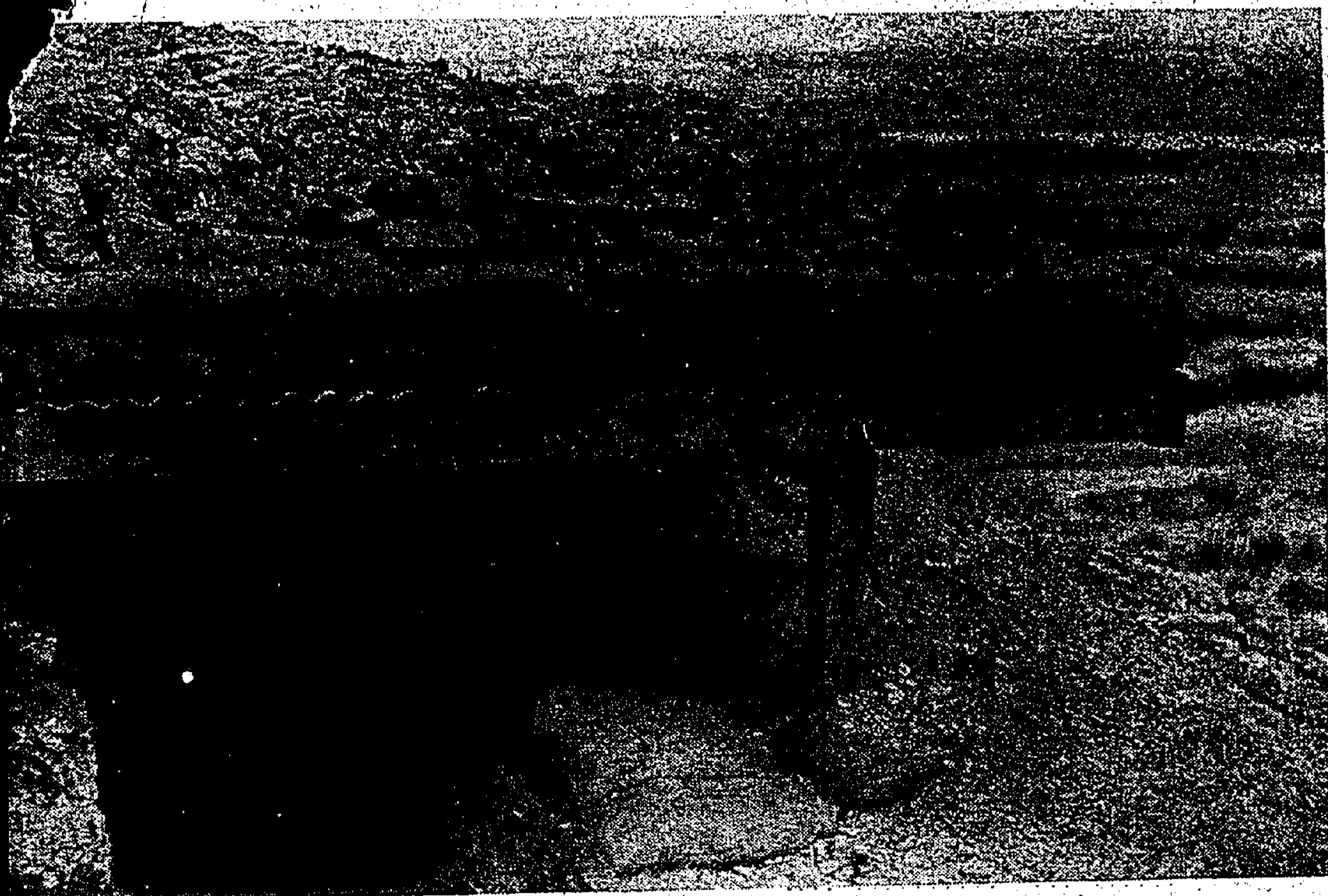


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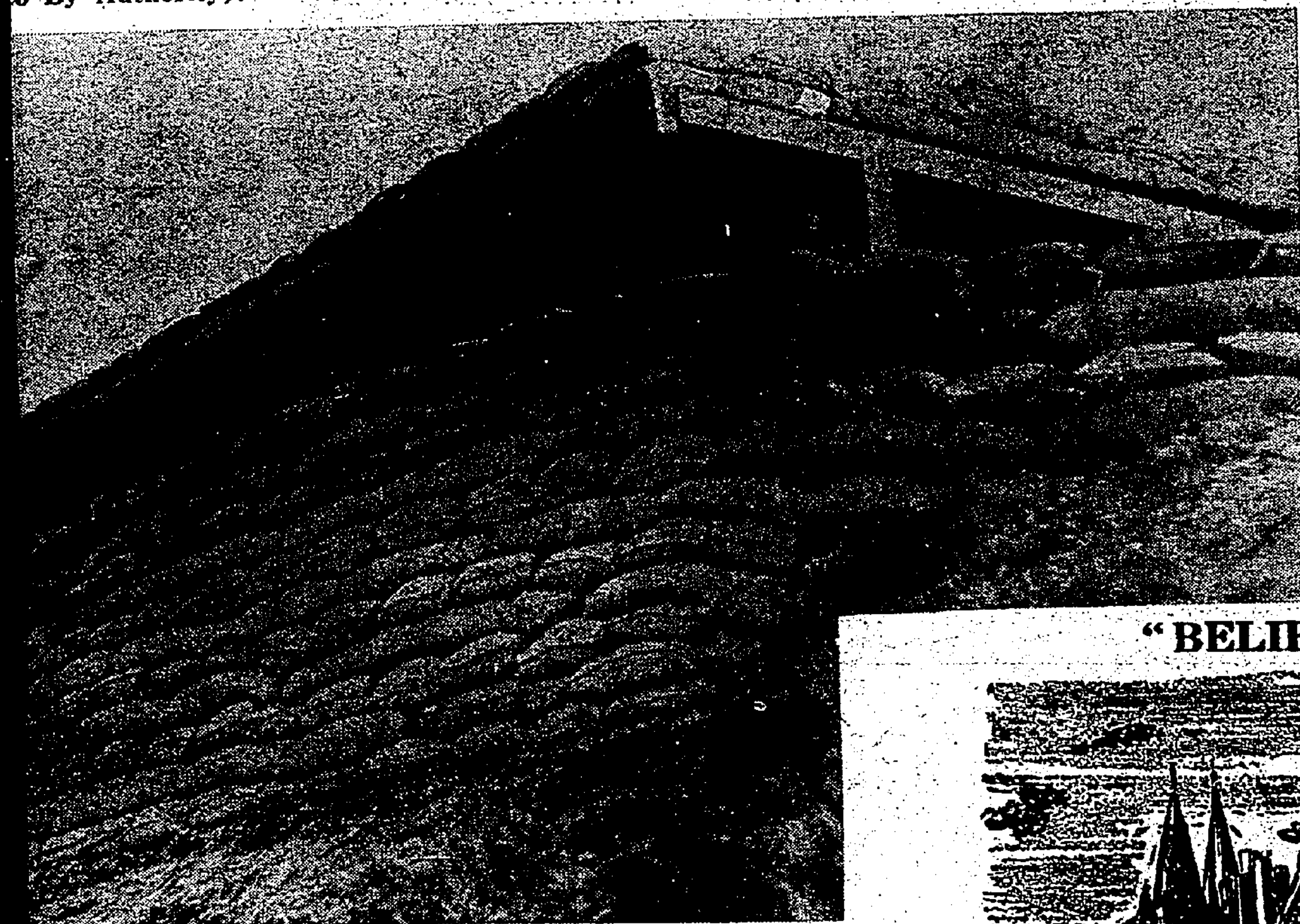
the sister had laid down gently me!"

by his side. But the boy answered yet another call.

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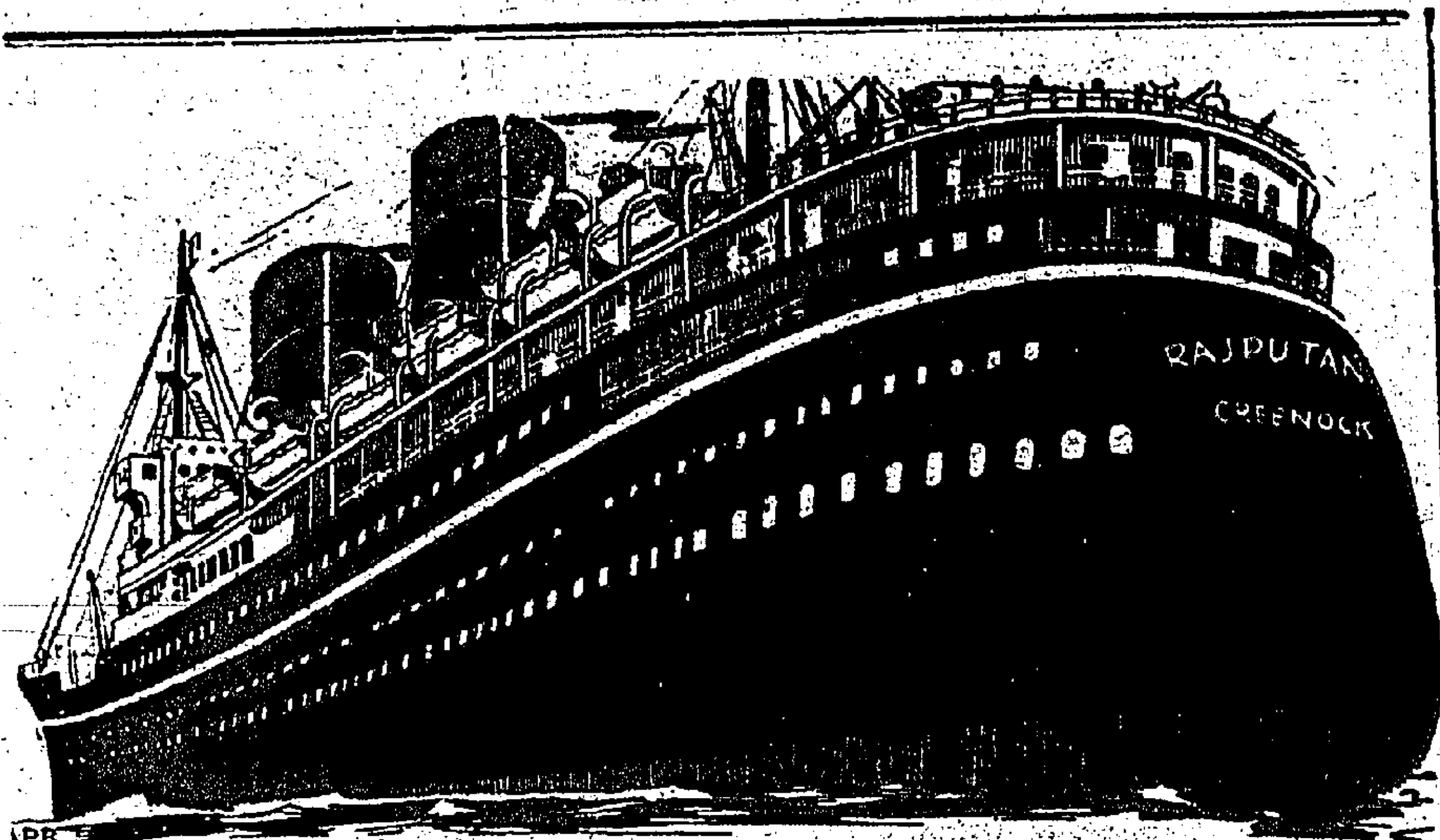
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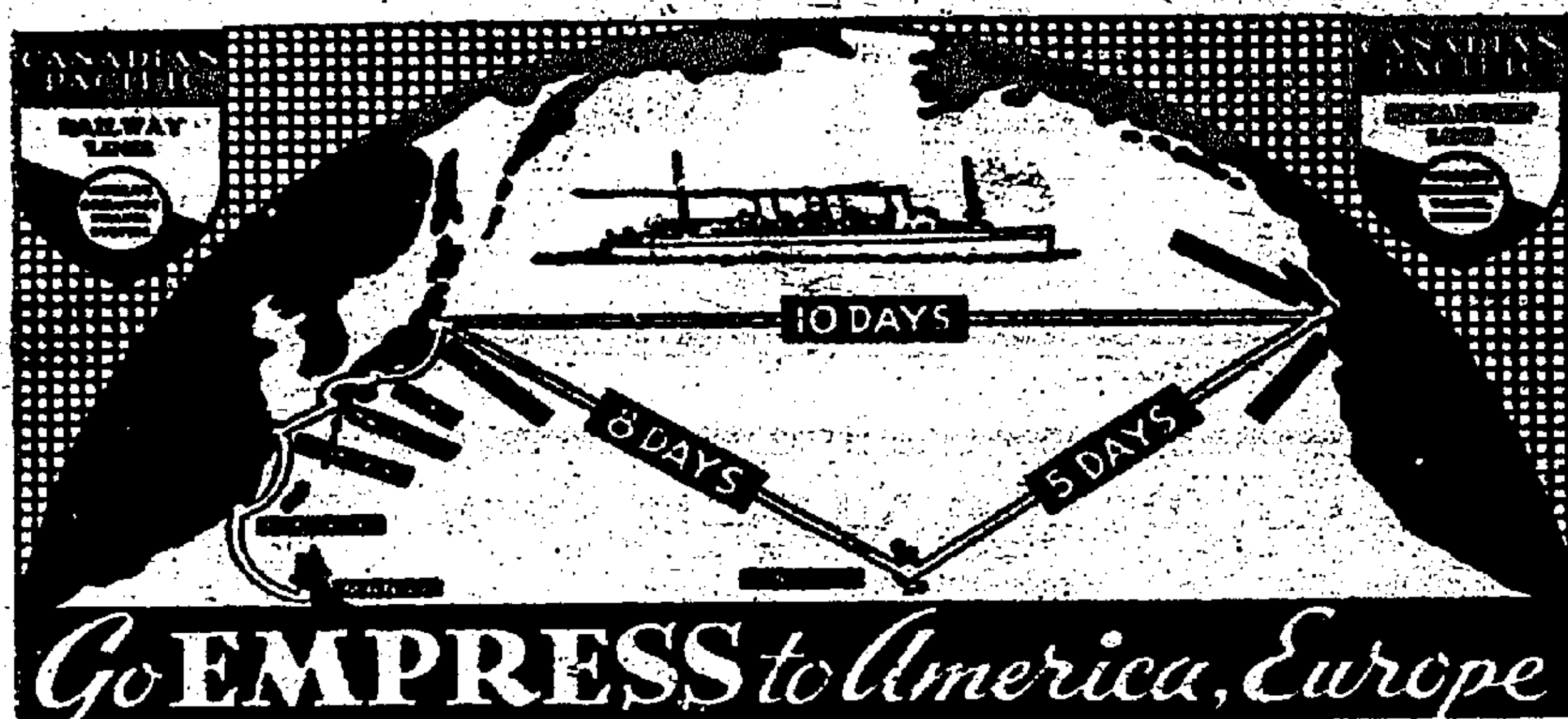
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RESUMPTION OF CALL AT SHANGHAI

Commencing with the Empress of Russia from Hong Kong January 26, 1938, Canadian Pacific "EMPRESSES" will call at Shanghai on the eastbound voyage.

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Empress of Canada on February 11th.

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Evidence that the coaches involved in the railway disaster at Castlegary, near Glasgow, were three-quarters steel was given by Sir Nigel Gresley, chief mechanical engineer of the L. N. E. R.

He was a witness at the Ministry of Transport inquiry into the disaster, which was opened at Edinburgh.

Sir Nigel also stated that it was impossible to make railway coaches which would withstand the impact of a great engine travelling at 50 m.p.h. With armour-plated coaches the shock of a crash would be imparted throughout the train and everybody would be killed.

GREY OWL TELLS THE PRINCESSES ABOUT REDSKINS

Part of a carefully prepared educational scheme which Queen Mary has arranged for Princess Elizabeth and Margaret was a lecture given to them at Buckingham Palace recently by Grey Owl, well-known Indian author and protector of wild animals.

The little Princesses listened shining-eyed as Grey Owl told them about the animals that he loves and showed them films of Redskin life in the backwoods of Canada. The Queen and her parents, the Earl and Countess of Strathmore, looked on.

His Lakeside Home

Already Queen Mary has taken the Princesses to many places of national and historical importance.

Every week she arranges visits to the British Museum, the Tower, the Bank of England or the Art Galleries.

Grey Owl, representing as he does the whole spirit of the Canadian backwoods, was chosen by her to tell them about his people and the animals of England.

Tall, alert, his lank black hair braided to his shoulders, Grey Owl wore — as he always does when he lectures — his simple tunic of soft leather and his Indian moccasins.

Before leaving for his log cabin on a Canadian lakeside will broadcast the talk he gave to the Princesses.

RETIRING CHIEF OF "REUTERS"

Farewell Luncheon

A farewell luncheon was given recently by the chief correspondents in London of the Continental agencies allied to Reuters, to Mr. W. L. Murray, European General Manager of Reuters. Mr. Murray is retiring and will be succeeded by Mr. W. J. Moloney, late General Manager for the East.

Correspondents of 11 foreign agencies were present, representing France, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Hungary, Poland, Soviet Russia, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia.

Sir Roderick Jones, chairman of Reuters, was prevented by indisposition from attending.

M. Bret, representing Havas, the Paris agency, said: "Mr. Murray treated us as colleagues, and only showed us his authority to help us out of some difficulty or do us some favour. This we shall never forget."

YUGO-SLAVIAN DIPLOMACY

Belgrade, To-day.

The Yugo-Slav Premier and Foreign Minister, M. Stoyadinovic, left here yesterday evening for Berlin, where he will confer with Herr Hitler, the German Foreign Minister, Baron von Neurath, and General Hermann Goering.

Much importance is attached to the visit, the first the Slav Premier has paid to Germany.

One of the matters to be discussed will be establishment of two additional Yugo-Slav Consulates in Germany, one in Munich and one in Hamburg. — Trans-Ocean.

RECRUITS FOR GEN. FRANCO

Nephews of Ex-King Alfonso

The Infante Don Jose of Bavaria-Bourbon, 28-year-old nephew of ex-King Alfonso has gone from San Sebastian for the Aragon front. His brother, the Infante Don Louis followed him.

Both Princes offered their services to Gen. Franco a year ago, but the Spanish Nationalist leader refused them on the ground that members of the Royal house should stand aloof from civil strife. They have now persuaded Gen. Franco to change his mind.

Before the Republic was established in 1931 the two Princes studied at the Academy of Military Engineering at Guadalajara. Both will now serve as staff captains at Saragossa under Gen. Moscardo, the defender of the Alcazar at Toledo.

WINDSOR CASTLE AIR RAID SHELTERS

Underground Passages.

In conformity with the Government's programme of preparations for defence against air raids in time of war, the underground passages and chambers at Windsor Castle are being converted into bomb-proof and gas-proof shelters. It is understood that some of the tunnels will be used for storing State treasures kept at the Castle.

The work is being done under the direction of the Office of Works.

During the last war parts of the roof of Buckingham Palace were covered with netting and sandbags, but these precautions would be of little avail in an air attack to-day.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2%.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London at 19% and forward at 19%.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at \$—U.S.\$4.9965 and the New York on London rate \$—U.S.\$4.99%.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co. have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Feb./March 23% b. Unchanged.
April/June 24 b. Unchanged.
July/Sept. 24% b. Unchanged.
Market:—Dull.

YANGTSE PROHIBITION DENIED

Shanghai, To-day.
Official Japanese quarters here deny that foreign ships have been forbidden to ply on the Yangtse—as has been asserted in reports appearing in British and foreign newspapers—but have merely been warned that all journeys must be notified beforehand to Japanese authorities so that the latter may provide escorts for foreign vessels which are passing through the war zones.

The Consular Body in Shanghai had been duly notified of this warning by the Japanese, so it is declared.

The Japanese moreover point out that the "booms" with which the Chinese army closed the Yangtse river were incompatible with international agreements regarding navigation on the Yangtse river and recall that the Japanese authorities drew the attention of other Powers to this fact.

Since foreign Powers refused to take any action at that time the Japanese hold the view that their present action is completely justified.—Trans-Ocean.

B. B. C. ARABIC BROADCAST

London, To-day.
The Colonial Secretary has received a copy of a telegram from the King of Yemen to Governor of Aden in which the King states he heard the opening of the B.B.C. Arabic news service from London including the message delivered by his son.

The King conveys his thanks and pleasure and expresses his best wishes.—British Wireless.

MISSION TO PORTUGAL

London, To-day.
The British Service Mission which is to visit Portugal will arrive in Lisbon about February 20th.—British Wireless.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1430 b., \$1430 sa.
Hong Kong Bank (Lon. Reg.) £89 b.

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Douglases \$52 b.
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Humphreys \$3.60 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H. K. Tramways \$13% sa.
Peak Trams (Old) \$6% b.
Peak Trams (New) \$3% s.
Star Ferries \$80 b.
China Lights (Old) \$10.20 b., \$10%/- 10.40 sa.

H. K. Electrics \$52% b., \$52% s.
Macao Electrics \$19% b.
Sandakan Lights \$14% s.
Telephones (New) \$8.35 b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cantons Ices \$1.70 s.

H. K. Ropes \$3% b.

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Watsons \$4.70 b.

MISCELLANEOUS

Constructions \$1% b.
H. K. Govt. 3½% Loan 1½% pm. b.
Wallace Harpers \$3% b.

SOFIA MINISTER

London, To-day.
The King has approved the appointment of Mr. George William Rendal, a Counsellor in the Foreign Office to be His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Sofia.—British Wireless.

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THE AUSTRALIANS FOR ENGLAND

VARSAITY BEAT C. SCHOOLS AT HOCKEY

Keen Encounter At Pokfulam

At Pokfulam yesterday, Hong Kong University beat the Combined Schools by 3 goals to nil in a keenly contested hockey match.

Commencing with only nine players the boys were considerably handicapped and were constantly robbed of excellent opportunities, although Tirlak Singh, leading the attack, worked hard.

The Varsity did not display as good an understanding as the boys, and their two goals in the first half, through H. Tang and S. F. Ling, were easy shots. Ling netted again in the second half, receiving the ball from a short corner.

Z. Gosano, the Schools' right back and J. Gosano, centre half, were frequently in the limelight. S. F. Chin, S. H. Ling, and C. H. Teoh shone for the University.

HULL SCORE TEN TIMES AGAINST SOUTHPORT

London, To-day.

Several Third Division League matches were held yesterday. In the Southern Section, Newport lost at home to Torquay by two clear goals, while in the Northern Section, Hull trounced Southport by 10 goals to 1.—Reuter.

4TH UNOFFICIAL TEST IN INDIA FOR FEB. 12

Bombay, To-day.

The fourth unofficial Test Match between Lord Tennyson's team and the All-India XI will be played at Bombay on February 12.

If All-India wins, both sides will have won two matches and a fifth Test will be played later.—Reuter.

RUGBY UNION COUNTY WIN FOR KENT.

London, To-day. — Kent proved too good for Oxfordshire in their Rugby Union County Championship encounter at Oxford yesterday, winning by 13 points to 3.—Reuter.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY TEAM CHANCE

London, Yesterday. — Claude Davey will replace Wooler, who is injured, in the Welsh rugby team against England.—Reuter.

POLICE HOCKEY TEAM FOR MACAO

The following Police hockey team is to visit Macao next Sunday and will be accompanied by Sub. Inspector Tyler: Jesson; Heath and Hayward; Mehar Singh, Brown and Jackson; Teja Singh Howlett, Wall, Jabis Singh and Narwant Singh.

NATHAN MANN OFFERED FIGHT WITH JOE LOUIS

New York.—Nathan Mann, the New Haven heavyweight, who recently scored a points victory over Bob Pastor, the New York State champion, and who has been spoken of as a possible opponent for Tommy Farr, has been offered a bout with Joe Louis by Mike Jacobs.

If Mann accepts, the fight will take place at Madison-square Garden on February 23.

TABLE-TENNIS SERIES IN AID OF CHARITY

Local Association's Effort

Recently organised by 35 local table tennis clubs, under the supervision of the Hong Kong Ping Pong Association, the Table Tennis Charity League have arranged four separate tournaments in order to raise funds for the relief of refugees and wounded in China.

The tournaments are divided into ladies' and men's singles, as well as men's and ladies' teams. They are open to all nationalities, and veterans of Shanghai, Macao and Canton have been invited to participate.

It is believed that the appearance of the world champions, Szabados and Kelen, who are due here on a return visit early in March, is also probable.

PRIZES

Six large cups, two long swords, two shields and 16 small silver table tennis bats, have been donated for the competitions by the Hong Kong Newspaper Correspondents' Bureau, Mr. Chan Lan-fong, Mr. Yee Chow-shui and Miss Sai Yeung-lui, among others.

The rules for the tournaments are as follow:

Ladies' and Men's Singles.—Entrance fees for men \$1, and for ladies 50 cents. Three sets of five games each to be played under the all-round system. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, third, fourth and fifth places in the men's section and first, second and third places in the ladies'.

Ladies and Men's team.—Entrance fees for men \$5, and for ladies \$3. The number of players required is five, with two reserves. Five games will be contested by each player under the all-round system. Prizes would be awarded to the champions, runners-up, and third-place teams.

Entries may be sent to Mr. Yee King-kwong, of Kelley and Co., Ltd., Chung Nam Building, second floor; telephone 21671.

LORD TENNYSON'S ELEVEN IN DRAWN MATCH

Patiala, To-day.

The three-day cricket match between Lord Tennyson's XI and the Maharaja of Patiala's XI was drawn.

Scores:

Patiala's XI: 142 and 264 for 5. Tennyson's XI 445 for 9 (decl).—Reuter.

BROMWICH WINS

Adelaide, Yesterday.

J. Bromwich (Australia) beat Gene Mako (America) to-day by 7-5, 7-5, 7-5.—Reuter Bulletin.

GRIMMETT LIKELY TO MAKE TOUR SOME OF THE PROBABLE NEWCOMERS

(By "AIR MAIL")

Melbourne.

ALTHOUGH the selection of the Australian team to visit England will not be made for some weeks, sufficient evidence is available to forecast some of the players.

THE RICHARDSON-GRIMMETT TESTIMONIAL MATCH IN ADELAIDE WAS STAGED TO ACT AS A GUIDE TO THE SELECTORS, BUT UNFORTUNATELY RAIN PREVENTED IT FROM BEING FINISHED. IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT RICHARDSON WILL PLAY AGAIN, BUT GRIMMETT IS FAR FROM A BACK NUMBER, AND WILL PROBABLY BE IN THE TEAM.

Others who appear certain to make the journey are Bradman (who will be captain again), Stan McCabe (N.S.W.), C. L. Badcock (S.A.), F. Ward (S.A.) and W. J. O'Reilly (N.S.W.). Oldfield is getting on in years, but there is no doubt that if he can leave his sporting business in Sydney he will be first wicket-keeper, and M. Sievers (Victoria) is another who is sure of an offer.

Badcock is a free and dashing bat who makes a big score or nothing; he is devoid of nerves, and is likely to prove a big draw in England. Badcock is a farm lad from Tasmania who transferred to South Australia, and has played cricket consistently since he was 15.

He scored four centuries last season in 18 innings, but in 14 games he made less than 20. English wickets should suit him.

REGAINED FORM

Grimmett did not do well with the ball last Test tour, but he seems to have regained his form and sting, and critics believe he will be included. Ward, of South Australia, bowled remarkably well in the early stages of the benefit match, and finished the day with four for 71.

Sievers, of Victoria, is not only a good fast bowler, but an aggressive batsman. He has plenty of pace in his bowling, and keeps a remarkably good length.

It is likely that C. Walker, of South Australia, will be second wicket-keeper. He allowed only four byes in a total of 380 in the benefit match, and batted well for a quickly hit 29.

HESITATING RUN

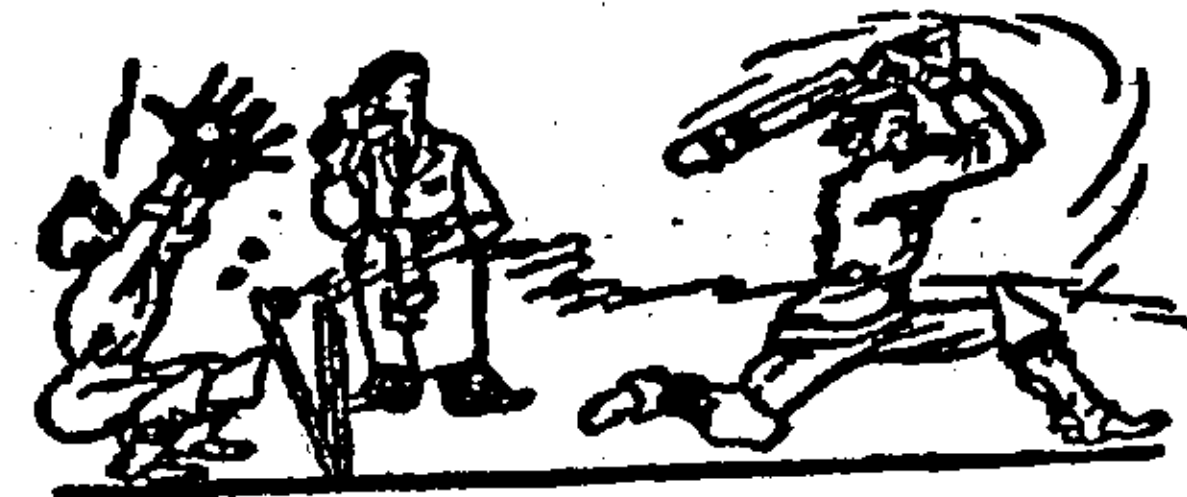
G. Lush, a New South Wales fast bowler, has pace, but lacks length, and runs hesitatingly to the wicket. He has been no-balled quite a number of times, and it is doubtful if he will travel with the team.

R. Hynes, of New South Wales, is another fast "find." He bowls left-hand, but, like all fast bowlers, his average was not good. Still, he got McCabe and Rigg in his last match.

Victorians believe L. O'B. Fleetwood-Smith a certainty for the tour. He has had much first-class experience, and has just taken eight wickets in the Sheffield Shield match against Queensland. He might be expected to improve on English wickets.

NEW "FIND"

V. Jackson is a new bowler of whom Bradman thinks highly, but it is doubtful whether he will get



in the team. The position of Fingleton is not clear. And obstinate opening bat, he is a danger when "set," but is very nervy at the outset and often goes too cheaply.

In the mood, he is thoroughly reliable. Personally, I hope Fingleton will make the tour, as he has worked and practised hard.

It is considered here that the reduction of the playing time of the Tests by half-an-hour daily will tend to more drawn matches, as there will now be 90 minutes' less play.

U.S. RANKS FARR THIRD BEST HEAVYWEIGHT

New York, December 20.

Seven British boxers are ranked in the list just issued by the National Boxing Association. British boxers fill the first three places in the flyweight division.

Tommy Farr, the British and Empire heavyweight champion, takes third place behind Joe Louis (champion) and Max Schmeling. The list is as follows:

Heavy.—1, Joe Louis (champion); 2, Max Schmeling; 3, Tommy Farr; 4, Tony Galento; 5, Nathan Mann; 6, Alberto Lovell; 7, James J. Braddock. Light-Heavy.—1, John Henry Lewis (champion); 2, Al Cainer; 3, Tiger Jack Fox; 4, Jock McAvoy.

Middle.—1, Freddie Steele (champion); 2, Glenn Lee; 3, Al Hostak; 4, Lou Brouillard; 5, Fred Apostoli. Welter.—1, Barney Ross (champion); 2, Ceferino Garcia; 3, Frankie Blair. Light.—1, Lou Ambers (champion); 2, Pedro Montanez; 3, Davey Day. Feather.—1, Henry Armstrong (champion); 2, Petey Sarron; 3, Baby Arizmendi; 4, Ginger Foran (England). Bantam.—1, Harry Jeffra (champion); 2, Sixto Escobar; 3, Baby Yack (Canada).

Fly.—1, Benny Lynch (champion); 2, Tiny Bostock; 3, Peter Kane; 4, Small Montana; 5, Jimmy Warnock.—Reuter.

DONALD BUDGE GIVEN BIG SHOCK

WIN FOR AUSTRALIAN "BOY WONDER"

WIMBLEDON HOLDER'S FIRST DEFEAT SINCE SPRING

WINNER'S UNORTHODOX HOLD

(By A. WALLIS MYERS)

London, December 20.

In the international contest concluded at Sydney on Saturday Australia not only beat America by four matches to one, but John Bromwich, the local "boy wonder," inflicted on Donald Budge, the Wimbledon and American champion, his first defeat in singles since the spring.

THE HOME PAIR, QUIST AND BROMWICH, HAD SCENT-ED VICTORY WHEN, AFTER AN ASTONISHING DISPLAY OF VOLLEYING BY QUIST, THEY HAD WON THE DOUBLES IN FOUR SETS ON FRIDAY. BUDGE AND MAKO WERE OVERBORNE AFTER TAKING THE FIRST SET.

That Mako's relative backhand weakness made them a vulnerable couple was suggested even at Wimbledon, where they won the championship. Since then their record has been steadily deteriorating.

They were beaten in three sets by Von Cramm and Henkel in the final of the American championship, by G. P. Hughes and C. E. Hare in four sets at Los Angeles, by Crawford and McGrath at Melbourne, and now by Quist and Bromwich at Sydney.

REMARKABLE CLIMAX

In Saturday's two singles the Americans only collected one set between them. Quist beat Mako 6-0, 6-4, 6-4, and Bromwich beat Budge 6-3, 6-2, 8-10, 6-4.

This was a remarkable climax to three days' play and must have given keen satisfaction to Mr. Henry Marsh, leader of the New South Wales Association, who has claimed that Quist and Bromwich are good enough by themselves to represent Australia in the Davis Cup next year.

TALENT FINDING

It is Mr. Marsh, by the way, who runs the annual country tournament at Sydney—a talent-finding meeting to which young players from all parts of the State are invited, their expenses being defrayed by the Association.

Bromwich is emulating the career of Rene Lacoste who, very soon after he became schoolboy champion of France, won the championship at Wimbledon. He is now 19, and, since his return to Australia from Europe, has won the championships of Queensland and New South Wales. At the Brisbane meeting he lost only three games in three sets to Quist and six games in three sets to McGrath.

UNORTHODOX HOLD

Now Budge, like Von Cramm, has fallen to this ubiquitous youth, who uses two hands to grip his racket on the forehand. This unorthodox hold, which McGrath, another Sydney player, adopts on the left wing, is a product of a precocious apprenticeship. Jack Crawford, also of Sydney, was the hero of these boys.



Crawford releases his left arm so late on making his backhand drive that, modelling their game on his, both youngsters unconsciously acquired the habit, which gave them firmer control, of keeping both hands on the racket.

IMPRESSION OF WEAKNESS

To them there is nothing abnormal about the grip, but on their opponents the two-fisted stroke seems to have a curious psychological effect, creating an impression of weakness which does not really exist. On the fast Australian turf courts, where it was born, this stroke can be incredibly effective, for it gathers speed from a low ball and a peaceful attack. Perry was often disturbed by it when he met the youthful McGrath in Australia, and now Budge has felt its insidious shock when meeting Bromwich.

The Americans will now have nearly a month's rest before they begin a second team match against Australia at Adelaide on January 13. This match will precede the Australian championships, which begin on the same ground a week later. Here the field will include Von Cramm and Henkel, who opened their Australian tour at Brisbane last week-end.

GERMANS AT BRISBANE

Arriving from Japan, where they won all the national championships, the German team shared the honours at Brisbane in an international match against Australia, represented by Crawford and McGrath.

McGrath beat Henkel 0-6, 6-1, 6-4, and Baron von Cramm defeated Crawford 6-3, 6-4. The doubles match was drawn owing to darkness at two sets all, the Australian winning the first and fourth sets at 6-4, 12-10, and the Germans the second and third sets at 6-4, 6-3.

AMERICANS WANT STYMIE ABOLISHED

Overwhelming Vote

New York, December 18.

Strong opposition among American golfers to the stymie was disclosed last night at the annual meeting in New York of the Metropolitan Golf Association.

Inquiries made among the clubs in the area covered by the Association produced 205 votes in favour of retaining the rule in its present form, 102 in favour of modifying it to the extent that the ball nearer the hole might be lifted if within a foot of the cup or the other ball, and 1,813 voted for the elimination of the stymie altogether.

Questions put to 75 players in the Metropolitan Amateur Championship showed that 11 favoured the stymie, three wished to see the rule modified and 61 wanted it abolished. It is expected that a decision will be made when the United States Golf Association meets in New York next month.

R. P. NELSON TO LEAD NORTHANTS

London, December 18.

R. P. Nelson, the Cambridge Blue of 1936, has accepted the captaincy of Northamptonshire for next season and will play regularly. When Nelson began to qualify early this year it seemed unlikely that he would appear in more than a dozen matches, but the difficulty has been overcome.

In each of the last two seasons

FOOTBALL STAR STUDYING FOR MINISTRY

TOMMY WALKER'S FUTURE

SURPRISE FOR CLUB

Glasgow, December 20.

Tommy Walker, the 24-year-old Hearts and Scottish international footballer, to-day told me that he was studying for the Ministry.

Walker is one of the best-known footballers in Scotland. Many famous English clubs, including Arsenal, have made big offers for his services, but all have been refused.

Walker said:

"I started to read for Divinity some years ago and I hope some day to become a minister. Two cousins of mine are ministers—one in Leith and the other at Patna, in Ayrshire. I shall not be the first footballer to enter the ministry.

Directors of the Hearts Club already congratulated their famous inside-right on his decision, which has surprised them. It is probable that he will study for five years at Edinburgh University.

Walker has been guided in his choice by Dr. James Black, minister of St. George's, Edinburgh and Moderator-Designate of the Church of Scotland. Dr. Black is a supporter of the club.


Walker and his wife were married at St. George's Church, and are active workers there.

Northamptonshire have had five captains. Nelson is a sound opening bat and a useful slow bowler. He bats and bowls left-hand.

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PADGHAM'S HUGE DRIVING

Wins Croydon Alliance
With W. Macauley

D.F. ASHTON'S PROMISE

(By GEORGE GREENWOOD)

London, December 16.

By a margin of two strokes Padgham and W. Macauley, of Sundridge Park, won the Croydon and District Alliance amateur and professional 27 holes foursome medal tournament at Shirley Park yesterday. Their net score was 109½, second place being taken by a Roehampton couple, A. G. Matthews and A. J. Lewis, with 111½.

In deplorable weather conditions — sleet and rain fell alternately throughout the day — the winning partnership played heroic golf. The outstanding feature was Padgham's huge driving, some of his shots on ground which did not flatter the player covering almost incredible distances. With a little help from the wind he drove the 11th green from a slightly forward tee, a shot of 315 yards in length.

In the matter of second shots Macauley had little to do, but he performed whatever part he had to play in noble fashion. For a 9 handicap man he certainly pulled his weight

VIGOROUS HITTER

A big, powerful man, Macauley is a vigorous hitter; but he also proved to be a capable second-shot player. For instance, at the first hole, following a tremendous drive by his partner, Macauley put a No. 4 iron shot reasonably close, and Padgham did the rest.

A 3 was a most encouraging start, but the advantage gained was promptly lost by the taking of a wholly unnecessary 5 at the next hole. Padgham was the chief culprit.

Misjudging a niblick pitch, the shot finished in a hollow at the back of the green. A couple of shots might have been saved on the outward half, which was reached in 35.

GREAT SPOON SHOT

Things did not run quite so smoothly on the homeward journey. Macauley's drive at the 10th was not one of his best, and though Padgham hit a great spoon shot from the rough, he just failed to reach the green.

Perhaps it was fortunate that Macauley's tee shot at the short 14th hit the pin; otherwise the ball might conceivably have finished in the next parish. As it was, the ball glanced off the pin and found an almost unplayable position against the roots of a tree.

CLASSIC SPOON SHOT

In the circumstances, the side were lucky to escape with a 4. The classical effort of the round was Padgham's spoon shot, hooked round a tree at the 16th.

Employing the appropriate stance — right foot brought back — and using a slightly flatter swing, the ball swerved round the intervening obstacle. Only a matter of control could have accomplished such a shot.

Padgham's one major error of the round was at the 18th, where he

SWEENEY INELIGIBLE FOR WALKER CUP

Decision By R. & A.

London, December 17.
Robert Sweeney, American holder of the British Amateur Golf Championship, who is applying for naturalisation as a British subject, will not be eligible to play against the United States in next year's Walker Cup match at St. Andrews. Mr. Henry Gullen, secretary of the Royal and Ancient Club, stated yesterday that the Selection Committee had decided that only those players eligible on December 15, would be considered for the team.



EMPIRE RUGBY CONFERENCE FOR SOUTH AFRICA

Important Change In Rugby Law

Sydney, December 2.

Further information about the Empire Rugby Conference that is to be held in South Africa next season is being sought by New South Wales.

Mr. J. W. Breckenridge suggested that New South Wales should have the conference consider the abolition of "chits," which are issued to players on overseas tours. The alternative would be to issue cash.

NEW RULING

An important change in Rugby law has been made by the International Rugby Board. It relates to the tackle. The new law reads:—

"A tackle occurs when the holder of the ball in the field of play is held by one or more players of the opposing team so that while he is so held the ball comes into contact with the ground, or there is a moment when he cannot pass or play the ball."

In the rule the words "the ball comes into contact with the ground" means that a lot of the difficulty the referees experienced in deciding whether the ball could or could not momentarily be "passed or played," has been avoided. The new rule makes it clear-cut—"if the ball comes into contact with the ground."

pushed an iron shot into a bunker. Macauley's recovery was on the bold side and the end was a 6.

SCRATCH AGGREGATE 115

The partnership had a gross score of 77 for the first round, and, taking 38 for the subsequent nine holes, their scratch aggregate was 115. This was not the best scratch score, as two young players, H. E. Osborne, assistant at Addington, and D. F. Ashton, the backmarkers at plus 1, had a total of 111.

As a golfer Ashton is in the nature of a discovery. Aged 19, and a member of the Royal and Ancient Club, he only took up golf seriously four years ago, although he has toyed with the game since he was a boy.

Now on the scratch mark, Ashton promises to develop into a first-class golfer. Using the fashionable three-quarter swing, he is gradually mastering the art of control.

As a player of iron shots he is impressive. With an outward half of 83 the side finished in 74, the best score of the day.

THE FOOTBALL POOL SWINDLERS

FORTUNES MADE FROM POSTMARK FRAUDS

"LOOSE ENVELOPE" DEVICE

London, December 16.

SO enormous have the inducements offered by football pool proprietors recently become that some of the best brains in the criminal community are now being turned to the evolution of methods for defrauding pool concerns.

Nearly all the tricks employed involve the use of a pre-dated postmark. The usual method of obtaining this is for the swindler to send a letter to himself the day before the football results appear with the address written lightly in pencil. By rubbing out this address with indiarubber a blank envelope with the previous day's postmark is produced.

From the point of view of the swindler the difficulty now is to introduce his envelope containing the correct match results into the office of the pools promoter without the fraudulent postmark being discovered.

A system of overcoming this difficulty has been evolved by unscrupulous persons living in remote country districts where there is no postal delivery on Saturday afternoons.

The swindler places his postmarked envelope in a larger envelope, the ends of which have been slit up with a razor. The second envelope is also addressed to the pool promoters.

INSERTED IN MAIL

A visit is then paid to the local postmaster, who is busy sorting the day's mail, and the swindler inquires if any letters have come in for him during the day. While the postmaster turns his back to look through the mail, the fraudulent entry, in its cover, is slipped into the pile of letters waiting to be date-stamped.

The "loose-cover" of the entry therefore takes the genuine date-



stamp. But when the mail-bag is shaken up in transit, the inner envelope falls out of its cover, and arrives at the pool promoter's office, bearing, of course, the predated postmark.

DESTROYED BY SORTER

Should the inner envelope fail to fall from its cover, the whole evidence is destroyed by the sorter at the pool office, who, of course, notices that the postmark on the cover is too late.

I understand that so successfully has this type of fraud been worked that several "operations" have acquired considerable fortunes at the expense of pool promoters.

CAMBRIDGE BLUE FOR STOCKPORT

London, December 18.—R. W. Lees, the Cambridge University centre-forward, yesterday signed amateur forms for Stockport County, who have been in a dilemma all the season over the centre-forward position.

If, as is likely, he turns out for Stockport's League team, he will be one of a select few Varsity Blues who have played in first-class football since the war.

Others include A. H. Fabian (Fulham and Derby County), W. Charlton (Brentford and Queen's Park Rangers), W. T. Whewell (Blackburn Rovers) and H. M. Garland-Wells (Clapton Orient).

Preston North End have also made a capture. They signed Lowrie, the Swansea Town inside-right, who was 18 yesterday. He is a former Welsh schoolboy international, and had attracted the attention of several First Division clubs, including Arsenal and Derby County.

In part exchange for Lowrie, Beresford, inside-right, and Vernon, centre-forward, were transferred to Swansea, but it is believed that Preston also parted with a cheque. Swansea were asking £4,000 for the transfer of their young star.

Beresford is the fourth member of last season's Cup Final team to leave Preston. Fagan went to Liverpool, and Frank O'Donnell and



Tremelling—as coach—to Blackpool.

Beresford had been at Deepdale three years, and Vernon, who played mainly with the reserves, is the former Bury centre-forward.

BRITISH LIGHTWEIGHT BOXING TITLE

London, December 20.—After a discussion regarding the final eliminating bout between Harry Mizler and Dave Crowley for the British lightweight championship, the stewards of the British Boxing Board of Control decided that promoters, boxers and their managers be given up to and including January 7 to arrange for the contest.

In the event of the Board not receiving notification by that date that a promoter has obtained signed contracts, particulars will be issued to all promoters, asking for purse offers and stating a closing date.

SOFTBALL HARDIHOOD IN THE WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP

EYE WITNESS' ACCOUNT OF THRILLS IN TOURNAMENT

MAJOR ACCIDENTS IN A "SISSY"? GAME

(By "SHORTSTOP")

THOSE who are ready to belittle the hardy game of Softball by referring to it as the schoolboy's game of "Rounders" — "Oh, we used to play it when we were kids!" — have found to their chagrin, when attempting to play this sport, that there is much more to it than that which meets the eye.

Hardened baseball players who are used to the catching of the small 9 inch ball experienced difficulty at the outset in hanging on to the larger 14 inch one. The distance, shortened by half, between the pitcher's mound and home plate, proved a stumbling block to many batters.

But, when the ball connected, infielders had more to handle in sizzling line drives in this sport, and an incorrect judgment not only caused an error to be chalked up to the fielder, but he would be very likely incapacitated with an enlarged finger-joint.

Harry D. Wilson, recounting the highlights of the championships of the previous season in the United States, in Spalding's Athletic Library, says that the tournament was unique in many respects. Superlative pitching was the order of the day as the games got under way, with pitcher Cummings of the Imperial Valley Merchants of El Centro (California) team being the first to enter the ball of fame by blanking the Raleigh (North Carolina) entry with Nary a hit or run.

FANCY HURLING

"Shifty" Gears of Rochester certainly proved a machine that the opponents could not wreck. Shifty merely fanned the first fifteen batters to come up to the plate. He then gave way to Witzman, who fanned six in the next two innings. Twenty-one put outs, no less, for the catcher!

"Coon" Rosen, the Magic Chef hurler from the Chicago metropolitan area, also furnished some tense movements when he enacted the iron man role of the tournament, pitching in three games in one day, and winning all three. He had two complete games on his credit side and then astounded the assembled customers by relieving a mate who faltered in the third game his team had to play.

SWAN DIVE

The players seemed to have a total disregard for life and limb and, my! how they played to win. Tom Bitcham catching for the Memphis lads, did not hesitate a moment when a foul tip went beyond a bench and apparently out of reach. Executing as neat a swan dive as you or I could care to witness, he landed on his ear and hung on the ball, which he speared as he went sprawling over the bench. All for deal old Coca Cola!

Too numerous were the fielding thrills to single out especial instances of efficiency. However, all in all, it strikes us that the game

O'REILLY'S FIVE WICKETS FOR ONE RUN!

Brings About Remarkable Change In Match

Adelaide, December 20.
A brilliant bowling spell by W. J. O'Reilly, who took five wickets for one run, brought about a remarkable change in the Sheffield Shield match between New South Wales and South Australia here to-day. New South Wales lost their last four wickets for 45 runs and were all out for 337. South Australia made a good start and, with the total at 145 for one, looked like making a good score. O'Reilly, suddenly finding his length, puzzled the batsmen to such an extent that he sent back five for one run. He finished the day with five for 18.

of fielding proficiency are much greater than in baseball. Sure, it's softball—at least that's the name of the game!—nevertheless the tournament wound up with one nose broken by a batted ball and several discoloured optics and finger injuries in greatest number.

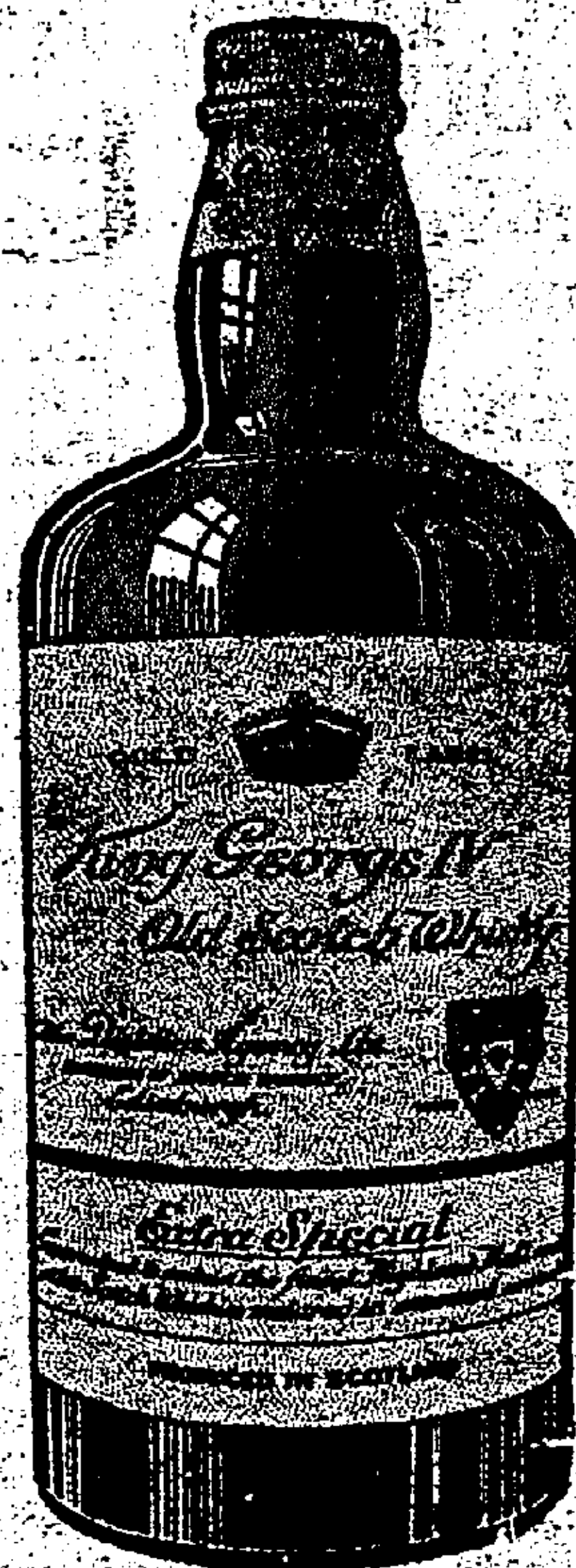
LOCAL ACCIDENTS

There have only been two major accidents in the local League, and they were unfortunate occurrences resulting, in one instance, from playing in too small a field where a fielder fell on the clubhouse steps and broke an ankle, and in the other instance, by a newcomer to the game who threw his bat with full force at the catcher after making a hit. There have been complaints after every game of finger injuries, and they are the most common accidents of the game that has been grossly stigmatized as effeminate.

Accidents are bound to happen in any sport and it is wonder that there were not more in this one here. Many are playing it for the first time and it is to their credit that they have caught on to the game so quickly and efficiently.



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HENLEY REGATTA DATES

London, December 17.

The 1938 Henley Royal Regatta will be held on June 29 and 30 and July 1 and 2. This was decided at the annual meeting of the stewards yesterday, at which Lord Desborough presided.

The report of the management committee stated that there were 116 entries for the last regatta, but there were nine "scratchings." The new arrangements regarding the draw for the Ladies' Plate appeared to have met with general approval.



It was decided to delete Rule 18 of the Regatta Rules, which read: "No eight-oared, four-oared or pair-oared crew shall be allowed to compete if within four weeks prior to the commencement of the regatta the crew shall have been coached during any practice in rowing or controlled or directed in training by any person not considered an amateur oarsman, sculler or coxswain, under Rule 1."

The resignation of Major W. H. Barff as secretary was reported to take effect from the end of 1938.

John Henry Lewis, the world's cruiser-weight champion, beat Johnny Risko, of Cleveland, on points in a 10-round bout at Cleveland.

ENGLAND'S AMATEUR BOXING WIN

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Sunday's Pairings For Fanling

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling next Sunday:

OLD COURSE	
9.12 a.m.	C. W. E. Bishop, A. B. Purves.
9.16 "	A. C. Godby, J. D. Danby.
9.20 "	W. C. C. Shewan, H. N. Williamson.
9.24 "	S. C. Feltham, F. D. Angus.
9.28 "	W. G. Robertson, J. R. Collins.
9.32 "	A. V. Greaves, Comdr. Hole.
9.36 "	J. H. Underwood, W. C. Farnham.
9.40 "	I. H. Geare, O. E. C. Marton.
9.44 "	K. K. Rounds, K. S. Morrison.
9.48 "	R. C. F. Macgregor, P. Welch.
9.52 "	L. Goldman, W. Woodward.
9.56 "	P. H. Scoones, E. L. S. Webb.
10.00 "	A. Corrigan, E. L. Croome.
10.04 "	Col. Blake, Col. Crowdon.
10.08 "	J. B. Mackie, D. S. Edward.
10.12 "	R. J. Shrigley, W. Sharp.
10.16 "	H. E. the Governor, N. L. Smith.
10.20 "	G. S. Archbutt, A. W. Hughes.
10.24 "	W. N. A. Smalley, Capt. Holmes.
10.28 "	W. A. Stewart, N. K. Littlejohn.
10.32 "	D. J. Gilmore, A. Sommerfelt.
10.36 "	G. Milne, A. A. Bremner.
10.40 "	F. C. Young, G. F. O'Brien.
10.44 "	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.48 "	D. J. Lyon, B. Rolfe.
10.52 "	C. M. Gee, Wing Cdr. Bishop.
10.56 "	R. Winfield, W. T. Yoxall.
11.00 "	I. P. Tamworth, H. M. Williamson.
11.04 "	J. S. Dunnett, R. G. Gray.
11.08 "	T. E. and J. L. C. Pearce.
11.12 "	E. T. McMullen, L. R. Andrews.
11.16 "	T. A. Pearce, R. G. Parker.
11.20 "	G. A. Leiper, C. C. Willson.



NEW COURSE

9.16 a.m.	R. Young, R. L. D. Wodehouse.
9.20 "	G. M. Park, J. B. H. Leckie.
9.24 "	F. A. M. Elliott, A. C. I. Bowker.
9.28 "	J. R. Masson, S. H. Dodwell.
9.32 "	T. R. Chassels, H. H. Mundy.
9.36 "	T. Low, R. E. Valentine.
9.40 "	G. C. Worrall, J. H. M. Andrews.
9.44 "	W. J. Roberts, J. E. Bonnar.
9.52 "	Mrs. Goldman, Mrs. Woodward.
10.00 "	Mrs. Webb, Miss Crappell.
10.08 "	Mrs. Shrigley, Mrs. Sharp.
10.16 "	B. S. Robb, A. E. Lissaman.
10.24 "	Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Holmes.
10.32 "	K. E. Quick, G. W. Reid.
10.40 "	W. A. and Mrs. Cornell.
10.44 "	Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.
10.52 "	Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Rolfe.
10.56 "	E. G. and Mrs. Morris.
11.00 "	H. E. Clark, M. C. Margaret.

Note: Starting times at 9.04 and 9.08 on the Old Course and 9.08 and 9.12 on the New Course are not to be booked by anyone at all.

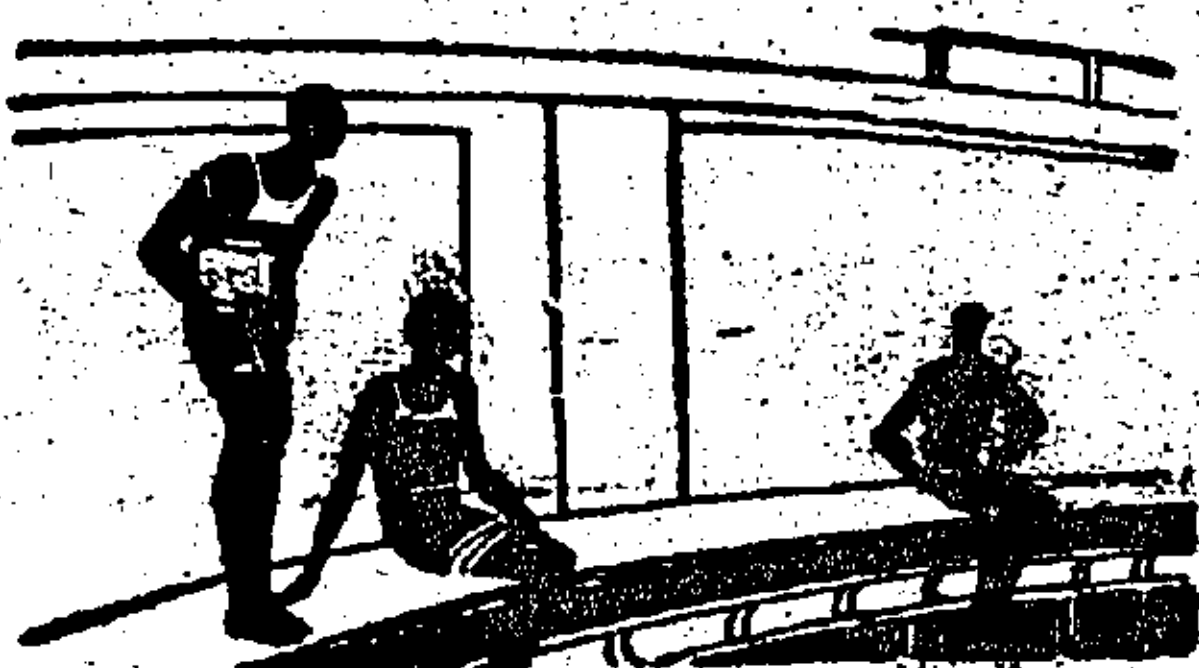
WOODSON FIRST HOME

S. Woodson, one mile world's record-holder, was first home for Blackheath in their 7½ miles cross-country match against Ranleigh at Hayes (Kent). His time was 45min. 51sec. Woodson was in front practically throughout and with a strong finish beat H. F. Smith, also of Blackheath by about 25 yards. Blackheath Harriers won the match in decisive fashion for they had 18 men among the first 20 home. They thus retained the Pelling-Ratcliff Cup, which they have won every season since 1924 against Ranleigh.

CARNERA WILL BOX NO MORE

A Fight For Life

Budapest, December 17. "As a boxer Carnera is dead. As a man we hope to bring him round." This statement was made by one of Carnera's doctors tonight when he was asked for the latest news of the boxer, who is lying in a local hospital seriously ill. Carnera is suffering from internal haemorrhage. He lapses periodically into unconsciousness, and his condition is stated to be critical.



ANOTHER TITLE FOR BIDDULPH

Beats Empire 440 Swimming Mark

NOEL RYAN LEFT BEHIND

(By "SIX-BEAT")

Sydney, December 2. To shatter an Empire Games swimming record at 17 is the best feat performed by an Australian athlete in recent years.

Robin Biddulph flew over the quarter mile to return a better time than his Manly club-mate, Noel Ryan, had set up as an Empire Games record of 5min. 3sec. Biddulph's time was 4min. 55sec.

Biddulph was competing in the Manly Club's championship and had for his principal opponent, Noel Ryan.

BY 8 YARDS

Biddulph and Ryan swam together for the first half of the distance when Robin clapped on the pace. From then on he forged ahead until at the final turn he was leading by six yards.

He then went further away in the last lap despite Ryan's efforts to reduce the leeway, and won by a good eight yards to break the record.

The offer made by the National Boxing Association (formerly the National Union of Boxers) to co-operate with the British Boxing Board of Control in enforcing rules to prevent sweating, and to raise the standards in the sport has been rejected.

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SOME DOUBTFUL VERDICTS

NEARLY A SCENE AT ALBERT HALL

(By HAROLD LEWIS)

ENGLAND beat Germany by seven contests to five in an amateur boxing tournament at the Royal Albert Hall last night—the first ever staged between the two countries. Some of the boxing was good and some indifferent. There were also some aspects which caused one some uneasiness.

THE DECISIONS DID NOT ALWAYS MEET WITH APPROVAL, AND, IN FACT THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN A MOST UNPLEASANT SCENE BUT FOR THE PROMPT ACTION OF A FEW LEADERS AMONG THE PARTY OF 500 GERMAN TOURIST SPECTATORS WHO WERE MASSED IN FRONT OF THE ORGAN.

A rather doubtful decision awarded to F. J. Simpson, last year's lightweight champion, over E. Nurnberg, the German champion, was succeeded by a still more debatable decision in favour of C. Webster over K. Fluss, of Cologne.

This had been a grand fight, exciting and full of adventure, if somewhat unskillful towards the end, and the point-scoring was fairly even, though Fluss had done most of the leading.

PREPARED TO LEAVE

When the decision was announced there was some angry murmuring, and then hundreds of Germans got up and prepared to leave the hall. Others waved them back and appealed to their honour, and at that they sat down in silence.

If either of these decisions was wrong, however, the Germans would have agreed that they had ample compensation when E. Campe, of the Berlin Police, was given the verdict over J. W. Jackson, at a stage when England led 6-4.

CAUTIONED 3 TIMES

Campe was cautioned three times for holding during the first two rounds, and in the third round, when no action was taken at all, he held so much that if it had been a fight between two English boxers one would have expected disqualification.

Another matter calling for criticism was the repeated hectoring of the German boxers for the most trivial reasons.

Why it should have been necessary so frequently for lights to be stopped while a German official conveyed a caution, it was difficult to understand.

SPECTATORS ANGRY

The German spectators became very angry when an English boxer



developed the stupid, though harmless, trick—culled from second-class professionals—of cuffing on the back of the head during a clinch. It is not a foul in our rules, though it does not score. In Germany, evidently, it is regarded as something highly offensive.

Our two best winners were P. O'Donoghue, the flyweight champion, boxing in the bantamweight class, and E. Kemp, the second-string lightweight. O'Donoghue's victory over E. Wilke, German champion of 1936, was clear-cut and gained by good, resolute boxing over a very strong and aggressive opponent.

BEST OF EVENING

The fight between Kemp and Hesse was one of the best of the evening, for here were two clever lightweights, both very determined and confident, willing and able to carry a fast fight to the end.

Kemp was a trifle overwhelmed at the start, but he kept his head and improved, until, in the third round, he was stopping the rushes of the strong young German with such solid lefts that Hesse's boxing became ragged.

Fly.—W. Pries beat L. Tyler (Printing and Allied Trades), on points. Bantam.—P. O'Donoghue (Watneys B.C.) beat E. Wilke (Hanover), on points.

Feather.—Volker (Berlin) beat C. Elliott (Battersea), on points. N. E. Rame (Shildon L.N.B.C.) beat O. Karsine (Erfurt), on points.

Light.—F. J. Simpson (Battersea) beat E. Nurnberg (Berlin), on points. E. Kemp (Alexandra and B.T.H.) beat J. Hesse (Dusseldorf), on points.

Welter.—C. Webster (St. Pancras) beat K. Fluss (Cologne), on points. Middle.—W. Pack (Poly.) beat A. Baumgarten (Hamburg), on points.

Heavy.—H. Runge (Kiepertal) beat V. A. Stuart (London Fire Brigade), on points. G. Preston (Battersea) beat Rheinholdermann, on points.

The British amateur roller figure-skating championship in the international style will be decided at the Embassy Rink, Sparkbrook, Birmingham, on April 2.

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C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th January, 1938.

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MADAME CHIANG STILL IN THE COLONY?

The utmost secrecy is still being preserved regarding the movements and whereabouts of Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

This morning it was stated that Madame Chiang Kai-shek had returned to Hankow by plane. This afternoon came a denial of the report, with an intimation that Madame Chiang is remaining in the Colony for a day or two.

Meanwhile, rumours that Madame Chiang Kai-shek had come to Hong Kong in connection with Sino-Japanese peace negotiations were emphatically denied by circles close to Madame Chiang when interviewed by the "China Mail" this morning.

Actual terms of peace have been mentioned in the course of reports alleged to be from reliable quarters, but it was made clear to-day that Madame Chiang's business in the Colony, had nothing to do with peace.

It was stated, on the contrary, that the Generalissimo was more determined than ever to fight the Japanese to the bitter end, completely confident as to the final outcome.

SOUTH CHINA THREAT BELIEVED AGAIN LIFTED

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quate shelter in natural caves in the hillsides, which the military have converted into organised dugouts vastly superior to the town variety.

ARSENALS WORK OVERTIME

The industrial programme in Kwangsi temporarily has slowed down, due to hostilities, but is now confined chiefly to armaments and all arsenals in the province are working feverishly. — Reuter.

TOKYO AGREES

Tokyo, To-day.

It is hinted here that developments in Central China, where the military are meeting with serious obstacles, provide the explanation for the postponement of to-day's meeting of the Cabinet and Imperial Headquarters.

It is now believed that the programme for an expeditionary force in South China, agreed at Tuesday afternoon's meeting, will be postponed. — Our Own Correspondent.

Mr. T. V. Soong told the "China Mail" that he was unable to make any statement regarding the purpose of Madame Chiang's visit.

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London, To-day.

Sir Frederick Whyte, former political adviser to the Nanking Government, has been appointed Director-General of the English Speaking Union of the British Empire, which he is re-organising. — Reuter.

London, To-day.

The death has occurred of Mr. Henry Lake Coghlan, one of the first men to sell plantation rubber at Singapore auctions. — Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

The Chautemps Cabinet has resigned. — Reuter.

ARCHBISHOPS' COMMISSION ON DOCTRINE

London, To-day.

The Report of the Commission appointed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 1922 to consider Christian doctrine with a view to demonstrating the extent of agreement within the Anglican Church and investigating how far differences can be removed or diminished, has now been published.

The Report challenges traditional beliefs at several points and rejects the infallibility of the Bible, saying that its authority must not prejudice investigation in any field.

It regards historical evidence for the virgin birth as inconclusive, and declares that literalistic belief in physical resurrection of the dead must be rejected.

On the other hand, the Report declares that the Resurrection of Christ was an event as real and as concrete as the Crucifixion.

SYMBOLISM

The Commission is divided in regard to whether miracles occur, but is agreed that God can work miracles if he pleases, and say they have no objection to the theory that evolution can be drawn from the Creation narratives in Genesis.

Educated Christians agree that these are of mythological origin and their value for us is symbolic rather than historical. — Reuter.

Sir Geoffrey and Lady Northcote visited the Tonkin Exhibition this morning, spending some considerable time inspecting the display. It is understood that His Excellency indicated his intention of paying a further visit.

C. W. Haynes, of the Medical Department, knocked down an eight-year-old girl in King's Road, near Taloo Dock, yesterday, while driving his car.

Paris, To-day.

Resignation of the Chautemps Government was due to resignation of the Socialist Ministers from the Cabinet.

This was preceded by a dramatic incident in the Chamber when the Communist leader declared that his party would only vote for the Government in order to maintain the Popular Front.

M. Chautemps replied that in that case he would give the Communist Party full freedom of action.

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